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Go out and vote today

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With a record-breaking 17,986 registered voters in the CNMI and 102 candidates vying for various positions, thousands are heading to the polls today, Tuesday, to make their voices heard in the general elections and a special election for a third Saipan senatorial seat.

Political observers are expecting a likely gubernatorial runoff race to follow a few days later as it is difficult in a four-way gubernatorial race for the highest vote-getter to get at least 50 percent plus one of the total votes cast.

Voters will elect today the governor, the lieutenant governor, the delegate to the U.S. Congress, the attorney general, senators, House of Representatives members, mayors, municipal councilors, and Board of Education members. They will also vote on the retention of three members of the NMI Judiciary and on three proposed

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Chinese community protests unsolved killings



» Protesters say a group of six local extortionists may be behind killings

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Wearing white headbands, over 150 Chinese farmers and owners of various businesses came out yesterday in a long vehicular convoy to express their anger and frustration over the latest killing of two farmers and other unsolved homicides involving Chinese nationals on Saipan.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and Attorney General Gilbert Birnrich talk to members of the Chinese community yesterday afternoon on Capital Hill. The group staged a protest over the killing of two farmers over the weekend and other unsolved homicides involving Chinese nationals.

Parents, fiancée of missing Japanese sisters appeal for info

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The parents of two Japanese sisters who went missing on Saipan in June appealed yesterday to anyone in the community who has information about what happened to their daughters to come forward.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* at the Japan Consulate's office,

Hideki Yamada and his wife, Kozue, said it's been over four months yet they still couldn't believe that their daughters Chinatsu and Natsuki are still missing.

"The pain we feel right now is very unbearable," said Hideki Yamada through interpreter Hiroko Tenorio.

The Yamada couple, both 60, ar-

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Hideki Yamada and his wife, Kozue, appeal to those who have information about their missing daughters Chinatsu and Natsuki to come forward. Also in the photo is Chinatsu's fiancée, Kenichi Ichikawa, who attended the interview at the Japan Consulate's office yesterday.



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BECQ reviews options for Tinian's military waste

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With proposed military impact on the island of Tinian and an unpermitted dump acting as the island's one waste site, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality would like to see Tinian have its own landfill but the small size of the customer base there may not be enough to make creating one worth it.

"We would like to see proper management of solid waste down on Tinian, and Rota as well. However, we also understand [the Department of Public Works] is open to the idea of

transporting solid waste from Tinian to [the Marpi] landfill [on Saipan]. That is really their call. But I suspect that if that should be the preferred option, then they need to understand that the life of the landfill here is going to be greatly reduced because now you're bringing in other waste stream from off island," BECQ administrator Frank Rabauliman said.

While he would like to see waste generated on Saipan be managed on island and solid waste on Tinian be managed there as well as for Rota, he said he understands that the cost of a landfill on Tinian would be

"very expensive to build and operate."

Rabauliman said there is not enough customer base on Tinian to support the proper management of a landfill.

Right now, Tinian operates an open dumpsite. In 2006, the Tinian mayor declared a state of emergency citing the government's failure to close the dump.

Rabauliman said they have worked closely with DPW since 2007 to operate the dump.

He said at times there have been reports that the dumpsite would catch fire.

"The last thing you want to do is see a dump burn. You

don't know the kind of stuff that is in there that could emit toxic fumes. Those are the things that keep us busy working with the operators," he said.

Right now, the site of a Tinian landfill is "up in the air" as discussion between the military and the municipality on where the site should be is ongoing.

While they are moving forward with a transfer station, he said such a station would house solid waste temporarily, and so a need for landfill would still have to be addressed.

As with the original proposed location, he suspects that new studies for a new landfill site

will cost a "substantial amount."

David Rosario, who was part of an ad-hoc meeting with Marine Corps Forces Pacific and other government agencies on the military's solid waste management on Tinian last month, said the options have been narrowed down to a construction of a Fukuoka landfill, or the shipping of waste to the Marpi landfill on Saipan.

The Fukuoka option would require 15 hectares of land, he said.

A Fukuoka landfill is a semi-aerobic landfill that uses a collecting pipe at the base of the landfill to remove leachate. Natural air is brought up from the open pit of the leachate-collecting pipe to the landfill layer where it promotes decomposition of waste.

Rosario noted that there has not been a Fukuoka landfill that has been permitted in the U.S., with the ones permitted being in Yap, Palau, Japan, and Samoa.

Rosario said the U.S. military would do a study of the Marpi landfill and communicate with

the Commonwealth Ports Authority on how they would load the waste between Tinian and Saipan ports.

"They're going to do all those studies, and come back to us in mid-January so we can look at both of those options again," Rosario said.

The four initial options were incineration of solid waste, use of waste-to-energy technologies, a Fukuoka landfill, or transfer to an off-island facility.

MarForPac initiated in August a waste stream analysis to determine which disposal options would be carried forward into a feasibility study. A "normal scenario" of military impact and an increased scenario of 45 weeks were estimated.

With a peak military population of 3,100 personnel on Tinian four weeks a year, MarForPac estimated 607,600 lbs of municipal solid waste.

For the "off-peak" of 16 weeks with an average of 755 military personnel, waste was estimated at 591,920 lbs.

SIDE BAR

Fukuoka landfill eyed for Tinian

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Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz recently returned from Hawaii where he met with officials of the Marine Corps Forces Pacific or MarForPac and Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 to talk about alternative options on how the island will handle potential solid wastes from increased military activity.

Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* Friday that the discussions specifically focused on what is called the Fukuoka method.

"I met with MarForPac and [EPA's Lawrence] Gostin to discuss the Fukuoka method, a model that they implemented in American Samoa and various districts in Micronesia," Dela Cruz said.

The Fukuoka method was one of three options identified by MarForPac, EPA, the Tinian Mayor's Office, Department of Public Works, and Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality during a recent ad hoc committee meeting.

The Fukuoka method is a semi-aerobic landfill, where the leachate is collected in a leachate-collecting pond through a perforated pipe set in graded boulders.

Dela Cruz said the meeting only discussed this alternative option.

Two other options are the incineration of some bio-waste generated by the military or bringing the waste to Saipan to the Marpi landfill.

Dela Cruz also said he is now working with the military to designate one particular site for the landfill—a lot smaller than the current landfill Tinian has.

He recently met with Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete Tenorio to identify various sites suitable for a landfill and found out that there are two sites available within the military leased area.

Dela Cruz said the off-island disposal option is the easiest. This was proposed at the ad hoc committee meeting—to utilize the existing Marpi

landfill.

"That is one other option; to help Saipan finish its third cell [not completed] and any debris that they we have [on Tinian] can be transported to Saipan and the Department of Defense will assist us in transferring it to Saipan," he said.

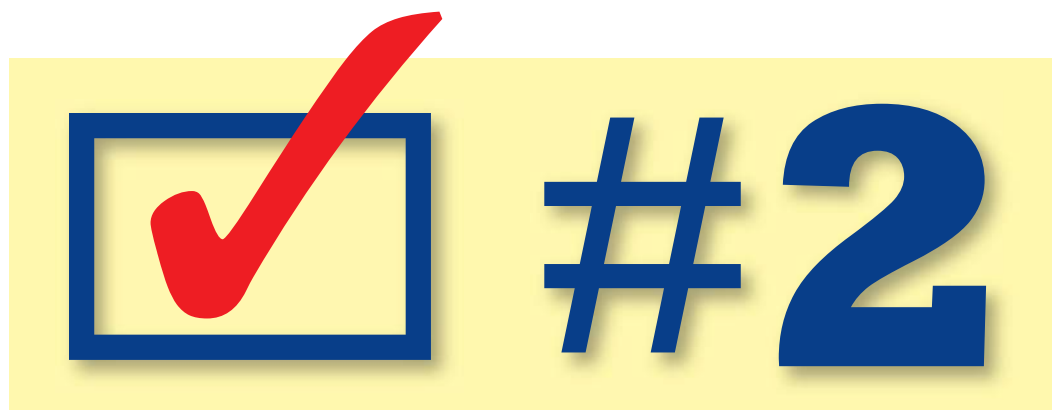
In light of these three options, Dela Cruz said that building a transfer station is important.

The transfer station was a proposal under the CNMI Capital Improvement Projects Program Office grant funding provided by the Department of the Interior's Affairs on Office of Insular Affairs, in which CIP proposed to build a solid waste transfer station on Tinian.

"All in all, the construction of the transfer station is going to minimize the footprint of the landfill because if you do extensive recycling at the end of the day you minimize the volume of the trash," he said.

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Inos weighs in on Alter City, utility vouchers from BSI

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos believes the Legislature's approval the land lease deal between Alter City Group and the Department of Public Lands will be a boon to the CNMI economy.

"The Alter City land lease approval is not only good for Tinian but also good for the

CNMI. ...It's a big project and it's going to be good for the entire Commonwealth," he said Sunday at the CNMI Republican Party headquarter at Spring Plaza in Gualo Rai.

The governor, who arrived on Saipan Friday after a medical checkup in the Philippines, also vowed, if re-elected, to support the relocation of the dumpsite at Puntan Diablo, where Alter City want

to build an 18-hole golf course.

"I will, of course, help. We have to wait for the final [Environmental Impact Study] on that issue. There are different plans that have not been necessarily developed, but folks are looking at it right now. Whether it would be strictly a transfer station there on Tinian and then ship out the solid waste or come up with a different

site. Depending on which one you want to do, cost could be varied, from very expensive to least expensive. But we need to remove that, especially with Alter City being interested in the area. Right now it's like the old Puerto Rico dump; it's an open dumpsite."

On Best Sunshine's \$10-million contribution to residential customers of the Commonwealth

Utilities Corp., Inos said it's always nice to see residents benefit.

"That's one of the first programs under their Community Benefit Program. The nice thing about it is they're going to be directed down to the residents as opposed to just giving money to CUC and not knowing how and where it is going to be spent."

Inos said the \$10-million utility vouchers is only the first

of many programs under Best Sunshine's Community Benefit Program. The Hong Kong-based company is the developer of the \$7.1-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

"I hope people will see some benefit from that assistance. Any money they get from that assistance is money they save so they can help their families. That's always a great thing. We look forward to Best Sunshine fulfilling all its other community fund assistance to the CNMI."

NMC students lament need for facility upgrades

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Northern Marianas College students spoke up about the state of

their college facilities, with one lamenting the seeming lack of progress in this area.

One student, who agreed to speak on the condition that she

not be named, told Saipan Tribune about hallways lights that do not work. She singled out the ones that "flicker nonstop."

She, like other non-traditional students, takes advantage of the college's night classes as they may have competing work or family priorities.

"I get out of class when it's pitch dark so having the school properly illuminated is important," she said.

The student pointed to the parking lot in front of NMC's Building A as one place that could use more lighting.

She said her lab class, which houses 21 students plus her instructor for three hours every Friday, is always so hot that they could barely focus on the lecture as they have to continually fan themselves.

She pointed to a part of the ceiling at Building A that collapsed last year and left a leaking hole.

The building's roofing has reportedly been replaced since then with funds from an \$800,000 grant from the Office of Insular Affairs. The replacement cost a reported \$186,000.

Another student, Cedie Chan,

claims the railing for stairs in the NMC's computer lab building seems to be held by only two bolts—one at the bottom and another at the top of the stairs.

"It feels like the stairs are going to fall," he said. "I think NMC is focusing too much on equipment than buildings—flat screens, projectors, that's good too...but the buildings kind of suck," he said.

From his talks with NMC alumni, Chan senses there has not been much change in improving facilities since they attended the college.

He has been at the college for two years. The college was built on or about 1955 as a single story, semi-concrete hospital.

'Band-aid patch'

In separate interviews, both NMC Board of Regents chair Frank Rabauliman and regent William Torres described past renovation work on the college as mere "patchwork" or "band-aid patch."

Since the adoption of Beca International's designs for NMC, there has been little movement on that front, due in part to the college's overlapping

or competing priorities, according to Torres.

He earlier said NMC needs more commitment from the NMI government in the form of \$3 million in CIP funds annually to begin plans for the college's reconstruction.

In 2013, the board presented a budget of \$27 million to the Legislature even if they knew a project like that is not usually approached through local funds. However, they chose to establish on record the need for a modern campus, according to Rabauliman.

Recently, the college issued a request-for-proposals to build a student center and student housing building. Torres described these plans as private-public partnerships.

Rabauliman called this option "taking a pulse of interest" from the business sector.

Essentially private companies would build on NMC land without charge of rent. In return they would finance, construct, and maintain these buildings.

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RGA endorsement

Inos also announced that his and Senate President Ralph Torres' (R-Saipan) gubernatorial tandem recently got the support of the Republican Governors Association. The endorsement came with a \$10,000 donation to the Inos-Torres campaign chest.

"That's very much needed here and we're very grateful for that assistance. We're getting national attention and national assistance and that's very important," said Inos.

Aside from the money from RGA, which is headed by New Jersey Gov. James Christie, the local GOP also received a donation from the Republican National Committee.

CDA sues to collect on \$47K commercial loan

The Commonwealth Development Authority is suing former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogomoro, his brother police Captain Aniceto Ogomoro, Gung Ho Inc., and others for allegedly failing to pay over \$47,000 in commercial loan plus accrued interest and penalty charges.

Named co-defendants were Erna O. Ngirchongor and Rep. Felicidad K. Ogomoro.

Felicidad Ogomoro was included in the lawsuit because she and Ambrosio Ogomoro allegedly mortgaged to CDA a property situated in Capital Hill to secure the loan.

CDA asked the Superior Court to issue a judgment holding Gung Ho Inc., Ambrosio Ogomoro, Aniceto Ogomoro, and Ngirchongor jointly liable to pay the principal of \$47,043.03, plus accrued interest of \$183.02, plus penalty charges of \$64.56, plus any additional amount of accrued interest, and for attorney's fees and court costs.

CDA wants the court to order the sale of the defendants' property and for the proceeds to be applied to pay the debt.

CDA counsel F. Matthew Smith stated in the complaint that CDA extended a commercial loan to Gung Ho in the principal amount of \$35,000 on Dec. 19, 2002. In return, Smith said, Gung Ho agreed to repay the loan plus interest at 9 percent per annum.

Gun Ho agreed to repay the direct commercial loan in monthly installments, beginning Jan. 19, 2003, and continuing until the loan was paid in full on Dec. 19, 2007.

Smith said that in order to obtain the loan for Gung Ho, the Ogomoro brothers and Ngirchongor promised to pay CDA if Gung Ho defaults on the loan.

The lawyer said that, on June 3, 2011, at Gung Ho's request, CDA revised and extended the loan, making a new principal amount of \$48,548.80, with new monthly payments and a new maturity date of June 3, 2041.

Smith said the Ogomoro brothers and Ngirchongor

agreed to the revision.

Smith said Felicidad Ogomoro never signed the mortgage extension agreement and that Ambrosio Ogomoro told CDA that Felicidad has no interest in the mortgaged property.

Smith said the defendants have continued to make sporadic monthly payments, the last payment being made on Aug. 22, 2014.

Smith said despite repeated demands, Gung Ho, the Ogomoro brothers, and Ngirchongor continue to fail to make the promised payments required under the promissory notes, loan, mortgage and guaranty documents.

As of August 2014, Smith said, CDA is owed \$47,043.03, plus accrued interest of \$183.02, plus penalty charges of \$64.56, for a total of \$47,290.61, with interest at 2 percent per annum. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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'More voters mean better outcome'

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A day after Gov. Eloy S. Inos encouraged voters to exercise their right to suffrage, other CNMI officials also urged the island community to come out and vote in today's general elections.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the CNMI has one of the biggest percentages of the population who take part in the election process.

"More people in the Northern Mariana Islands turn out to vote than in almost any other place in America. We should all be very proud of that record. It shows how much we value our right of self-government," Sablan said. "I encourage everyone to come out to vote today so we can maintain our proud record."

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), who is running as Inos' lieutenant governor under the CNMI Republican Party, echoed Sablan's call.

"Come out and vote. The more voters we have, the better outcome for our elections. ...I want to thank our supporters and I wish all candidates the best of luck."

House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said elections are always the best time that people can have their voices heard.

"Everybody should exercise their right to vote. This is their chance to make a difference in

policy, direction, and who their leaders are going to be. It's very important and it's an opportunity for them to play a role in our democratic process."

On a personal note, DeLeon Guerrero said he's relieved more than anything that the campaign season finally came to a close.

"I'm just kind glad that this is the final day where all our work and efforts is coming to a peak. After tomorrow it's really going to be in the people hands. As an incumbent, I always look at it as grading day. It's the people's turn to rate my colleagues and me. Depending if I get a satisfactory grade, I might come back."

Sablan's opponent in the race for CNMI delegate, Andrew Salas, also chimed in on his experience this election season.

"Thank you for a great experience. I never worked so hard house-to-house in all the times in politics. ...There were a lot of times people closed their doors on us, thinking we were a religious group."

The former representative and Commerce secretary also said the election campaign gave him a better perspective about life in the CNMI.

"I've gone to appreciate these islands more than before. Wish everyone the best. Stay warm, stay dry, and think positive and remember we're doing it for our people," he said.

PARENTS

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rived on Saipan on Sunday together with Kenichi Ichikawa, the 29-year-old fiancée of Chinatsu, from the Nagano Prefecture. They are going back to Japan today, Tuesday.

The Yamada couple runs an apple farm in Nagano.

The Yamada couple and Ichikawa were set to meet with Police Detective Kevin Aldan and another investigator yesterday afternoon to talk about the case.

Chinatsu, 26, and Natsuki, 33, disappeared on June 30, when their rental car was recovered at Wing Beach in Marpi. They were supposed to fly back to Japan that same day.

It's the fifth time that the Yamada couple and Ichikawa came to Saipan after the incident. They're planning to return this December to follow up on the case.

The Yamadas said they understand that the Department of Public Safety has been investigating the case, but that they have not received any information that could help them solve the case.

The Yamadas said they thought it was a drowning accident at first but they later came to believe that something else happened.

The Yamadas said it's very painful for them because they have been together as a family for 34 years with their two daughters and a son. The couple said it's only their son that gives them the will to live.

"Every time we visit Saipan, we have the feeling that we want to see them. We picture them that they're in the beach," Mrs. Yamada said.

Ichikawa said he always visit Saipan because he feels that his girlfriend needs help.

"That's why we're asking the people who has information to come forward to solve the case," he said.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday to the beautiful lady, Bertha Ada! Have a great one, Mom! We love and miss you! Greetings come from Mariah and David!



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Happy birthday, Franklin Taitano Muna! Every love story is beautiful. Ours is my favorite! Thank you for all that you do. It's your turn to be spoiled! Love you! Greetings come from B, pops, more family and friends!



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VOTE

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changes to the NMI Constitution.

Polling stations will open at 7am and close at 7pm.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero said yesterday that they are ready for today's elections. He said they already put up booths at all polling stations and that poll workers are trained for their respective tasks.

He said close to 3,000 voters opted for the seven-day early voting that ended yesterday.

For the Northern Islands, Guerrero said a boat has already left Saipan to get the votes from eight registered voters on Pagan and two voters on Alamagan. He said the boat should return to Saipan late morning today, Tuesday.

The total budget for the elections, including the possible runoff, is \$120,000.

Guerrero urged voters to come out and exercise their right to vote. He advised them to drive and walk carefully because the roads are slippery due to the rain.

Incumbent governor Eloy S. Inos (GOP) is running for reelection with Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres as his running mate. The Inos-Torres tandem is facing independent chal-

lengers Heinz S. Hofschneider and Juan Nekai Babauta, and Democratic challenger Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero.

Saipan senator Ray N. Yumul (Ind) is Hofschneider's running mate, while former senator Juan Sablan Torres is the running mate of former governor Babauta. Former representative Daniel O. Quitugua is the running mate of DeLeon Guerrero.

When Benigno R. Fitial was re-elected in 2009 under the Covenant Party for a five-year term, Inos was his running mate. Fitial, however, resigned in February 2013 in the face of impeachment hearings, making Inos governor.

Inos then merged the Covenant Party with the Republican Party.

For the delegate position, incumbent Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind) is seeking a third term. He is being challenged by former territorial representative and Commerce secretary Andrew Salas (Dem).

Today will also be the first time for voters to elect an attorney general. Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan and attorney Michael Norita Evangelista are the only contenders.

Voters will also be answering three referendum questions, including an amendment to Article 12, which restricts the ownership

of land in the CNMI to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

The special election will be for a third Saipan senatorial seat, to fill the Saipan seat left vacant after Ray Yumul resigned from the position to run with Hofschneider.

Running for the Senate's special election are Sixto Igisomar (GOP), Roy Taisacan Rios (Ind), and Jesus M. Castro (Ind).

Early voting

The Democratic gubernatorial tandem of DeLeon Guerrero and Quitugua opted to vote early yesterday afternoon at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The two cast their respective ballots around 2pm, with several supporters tagging along.

DeLeon Guerrero said they chose to vote early due to the inclement weather and to avoid the heavy rain today.

When asked about their prospects, Quitugua said: "Well, we did everything we could to educate the public so we respect the decision of the people and I just hope that people will realize that we will change and we are offering those change."

With four gubernatorial bets in the running this year, a runoff election is likely to occur and when asked if they see themselves in the runoff election, DeLeon Guerrero said yes.

Quitugua was more cautious, saying it will be determined by the results of the voting.

"We'll just have to wait until people have spoken and you look at what options are present," Quitugua said.

Officers deployed

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. DeLeon Guerrero said they have already initiated the operational plans for the elections under the command of Sgt. Jose Saures.

DeLeon Guerrero said there will be police officers deployed at all polling stations throughout the CNMI.

For Tinian and Rota, which usually experience a shortage of police manpower during elections, DPS Saipan may fly down some officers to the two islands, DeLeon Guerrero said.

He said two of their task force officers are part of the Office of the Public Auditor team that has been assisting the Commonwealth Election Commission since the early voting process.

He said this is to ensure that they fulfill the people's mandate to make sure that there will be free and fair election process.

The Commonwealth Election Commission has 10 days to certify the election results of the Nov. 4 voting. **(With Jayson Camacho)**

CHINESE

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Family members and friends of the victims in three cases of double homicides lambasted the Department of Public Safety for not solving the cases and disclosed that a group of six local men that has been extorting money from Chinese farmers may be involved in the two latest murders.

They mentioned the name of the group's leader but *Saipan Tribune* opted to withhold the name at this time so as not to jeopardize the ongoing investigation.

As this developed, some of the protesters who joined in the search for the latest victims, Hai Ren Li and Cheng You Li, disclosed that the throats of both victims had been slit and that their bodies were found covered with mango leaves in the grassy area of the old airport in Koblerville.

The Li farmers were last seen on Friday and were found dead Sunday morning. Police classified the case as a double homicide after investigators found visible signs of foul play.

The protesters, wearing white headbands, arrived in a convoy at the Saipan Chinese Association office in Garapan at 10am.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. DeLeon Guerrero held a dialogue with the protesters and families of the victims.

After the dialogue, the protesters proceeded to Susupe, then later to Capital Hill in their desire to talk with Gov. Eloy S.

Inos at 12:30pm.

Carrying banners that read: "Victim (sic) are seeking justice" and in a Chinese language with the same message, the protesters walked toward the front of the administration building.

Officers, however, blocked the protesters and told their leaders that they could hold their protest in the parking lot but not near the entrance of the administration building.

Despite the steady drizzle, the protesters converged in the parking lot and shouted for justice for the murdered victims.

A staff of the governor's office later informed the protesters that Inos was not available to see them at that time, but Attorney General Gilbert Birnrich and DPS Commissioner DeLeon Guerrero can talk to them.

At 1:05pm, Birnrich and DeLeon Guerrero held a closed door meeting with family members of the victims and group leaders in the governor's conference room.

After the meeting that lasted almost an hour, DeLeon Guerrero and Birnrich talked to the other protesters waiting in the parking lot.

DeLeon Guerrero urged members of the Chinese community to continue cooperating with authorities in providing information that will help them solve the cases.

"We are particularly concerned with the safety of every community member here in the CNMI, including all other ethnic communities," he said.

The commissioner said they appreciate the protesters having this dialog with them.

"I see this as an opportunity

for actually for me as the commissioner to be able to communicate with you directly," DeLeon Guerrero said.

Birnrich echoed DeLeon Guerrero's statements. He assured that the Office of the Attorney General and DPS do not discriminate in any way against any ethnicity or any resident or occupation, or any persons in the CNMI.

"The protection of every single resident of the CNMI is important to this government, to my office, and to the commissioner. So please do not feel that we are in any way discriminating against your community," Birnrich said. "In order to solve this crime we need your cooperation."

At 1:50pm, the protesters left Capital Hill in a convoy and proceeded to a building in Garapan, where the Federal Bureau of Investigation is located.

An FBI agent talked with the leaders and victims' family members inside the FBI office as other protesters gathered at the first floor of the building. The protesters later went out the building after a police officer asked them to stay outside as the building is private property.

When *Saipan Tribune* left yesterday afternoon, the dialogue with the FBI was still ongoing.

In an interview with some protesters, they denied that the killing may have been drug related as victims Hai Ren Li and Cheng You Li don't even smoke and drink beer.

"They are very nice persons. They're very quiet and just work in the farm. All hotels here know them because they're the ones

supplying vegetables and fruits to them," one protester said.

A storeowner said the Li victims, who were brothers-in-law, had been supplying her store with cucumbers and watermelons for several years. The storeowner said the victims would both go to her store every other day.

Another storeowner disclosed that a group of six locals has been extorting money from Chinese farmers in As Gonno and other areas on Saipan.

The storeowner said the farmers, including the Li victims, had been forced to give money because the group threatened to kill them.

The businesswoman also disclosed that the Li victims were probably attacked while they were farming in As Gonno because they just planted six pieces of cucumber that day.

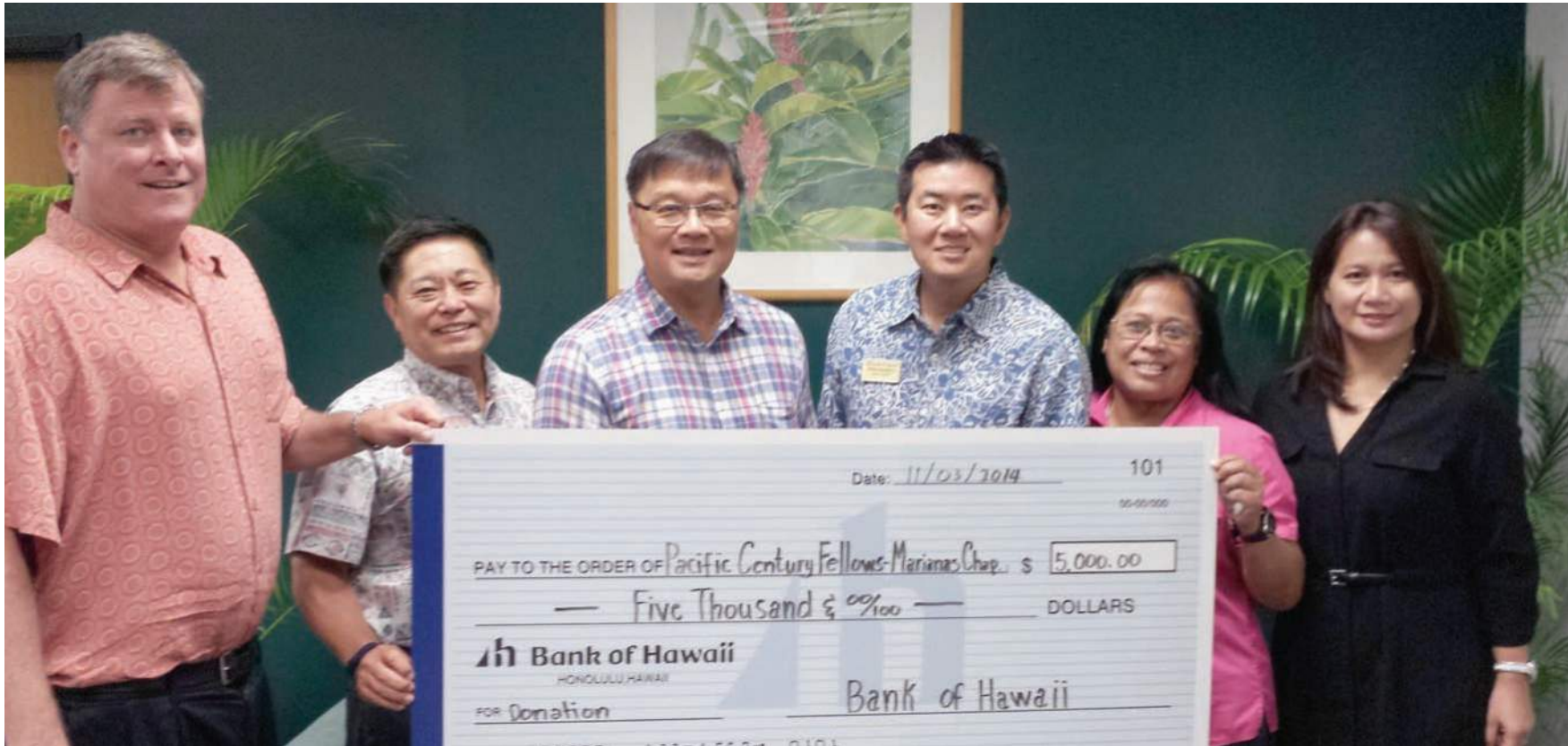
She also disclosed that last September, a Chinese farmer stopped farming and moved to another place because the leader of the group pointed a gun and hammer at his head and demanded money.

The storeowner said the FBI should step into the investigation.

She also revealed that a week before couple Guo Huang Xu and Qing Xiu Zheng were killed, the group also extorted money from them.

The bodies of Xu and Zheng were found charred in their house that was razed to the ground by fire last Feb. 23.

On Dec. 8, 2012, couple Jun Li Yang and Jing Liu were found murdered inside their home in San Vicente.



SUPPORTING PACIFIC CENTURY FELLOWS

Bank of Hawaii presents a sponsorship check of \$5,000 to Pacific Century Fellows - Marianas Chapter on Nov. 3, 2014, in support of this leadership development program, which works to develop potential leaders with greater awareness and sensitivity to the people and institutions of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands. Pictured from left to right: Hobbs Lowson (BOH VP and island manager - Saipan), Ronald Cannoles (BOH EVP and West Pacific Region manager), Jerry Tan (Tan Holdings, president), Kevin Sakamoto (BOH EVP and branch division manager), Maggie Sablan (TSL Foundation manager) and Merlie Tolentino (TSL Foundation Finance Office).

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3 more K-9 handlers eyed

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The CNMI Division of Customs wants to beef up its K-9 Unit to improve enforcement of local customs regulations with an eye to eventually reopening the Pacific Region Detector Dog Training Center.

Customs director Jose C. Mafnas said they are submitting another request for federal grants that would fund the training of three new K-9 handlers.

He said the cost of sending Customs personnel for K-9 handler training off-island is roughly \$25,000 per person, but since they are able to train locally they will only be spending \$9,000 per head.

The Customs chief said the local agency could train on-island because of the presence of a K-9 senior instructor, Customs Lt. Jesse Atalig.

"We have rehired Jesse Atalig back and he can maintain our local K9 program and make sure new handlers are trained."

Mafnas said the grant application will not only ask for \$27,000 in training costs for three new handlers but also will ask for operational costs that include funds to pay for the veterinarian services for the

K-9 program.

"We're doing it slowly and we just want to restart the program again. We will focus first on building our local K-9 program and eventually open up for trainees outside the CNMI and reestablish the Pacific Region Detector Dog Training Center," he said.

The use of drug-detector dogs is an added tool to detect drugs in incoming passengers, luggage, cargoes, and post office packages, complementing manual checks by Customs personnel at ports of entries.

Aside from being used at the Saipan airport, seaport, and the post office, Customs' drug-detector dogs also assist the Department of Public Safety and other local and federal law enforcement agencies.

The CNMI Customs K9 Unit was idled for over a year since June 2012 due to lack of funds and certified drug-detector dog handlers.

When Gov. Eloy S. Inos brought Mafnas back to Customs, the latter revived the K9 Unit in 2013. A year after the program's revival, it replaced its three aging dogs with younger ones to further beef up border security. Mafnas said the dogs that were decommissioned were put up for adoption.

COP donates to *man'amko*

Coral Ocean Point generously donated a truckload of furniture to the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council at the Office on Aging in China Town last week.

The donated items included mattresses, console with mirror, side table with lamps, floor lamp, bed frames, wooden trash cans, televisions, vanity with chairs, and picture frames.

Every item has been placed throughout the Aging Center.

Council president Maria Salinas said the furniture are very much needed and they are thrilled to receive the donations from COP.

"I thank COP for being such a wonderful resource for us. Not only do they benefit the *man'amko*, but they generate

pride and involvement between both the Aging Center and COP," she said.

The Office on Aging is tasked to serve and provide assistance to all senior citizens and caregivers by administering programs and activities, promoting independent living, building self esteem, and providing opportunities for seniors to play an active role in the community.

The *Man'amko* Centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota provide opportunities for socializing, relaxation, and participation in a variety of programs and activities, including congregate and home delivery meals, transportation, and health screenings. (Jayson Camacho)

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MILE endorses Heinz-Ray

Before a packed crowd of Thursday evening, M.I.L.E. chairman, AJ Ichihara, of Heinz and Ray supporters CNMI members led by their officially endorsed the gubernatorial team of Heinz Hofschneider and Ray Yumul.

M.I.L.E. is composed of U.S. citizen children of contract worker parents who

organized themselves to educate other U.S. citizen children of contract workers and the youth in general about election issues.

was about bringing back to the CNMI the *manhobens* (youth) who graduated from college and giving them the opportunity to return home and work.

"The team of Heinz and Ray were very humble and sincere and this was one of the reasons why we selected them. They truly care about the state of our islands and its people and are passionate about helping turn things around," he said.

Ichihara encourages all young voters to exercise their right to vote today.

"We need change and the CNMI needs new independent leaders who listen to the youth's needs and concerns," he said.

He said the group opposes the casino law and is disappointed at how it was passed "behind closed doors."

"This casino law is a bad law that leaves out the majority of our people. We need our government to represent the needs of the people and not be involved in secret deals that benefit a select business and selected politicians. We need change and we desperately need it now," he said.

Ronnie Doca, who serves as the adviser for the group, was pleased that its members were able to decide amongst themselves on who to endorse. Doca is president of the Pilipino Contract Workers Association Inc. and board chairman of the United Workers Movement. (**MILE**)

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M.I.L.E. CNMI members led by their chairman, AJ Ichihara, endorses the gubernatorial team of Heinz Hofschneider and Ray Yumul.

Ichihara said the group felt that Hofschneider and Yumul have the best solutions to revive the CNMI economy, create jobs, improve the health-care system, reduce CUC rates and afford the people of the CNMI with a transparent administration.

Hofschneider and Yumul met with the group a month ago and one of the issues that resonated with the group

Parents urged to encourage their HS graduates to attend 'Cash for College'

The Northern Marianas College is asking parents of recent high school graduates to encourage their son or daughter to take advantage of the services offered at Saturday's Cash for College workshop.

The aim of the workshop is to assist students and their parents to maximize scholarship opportunities that are available for those seeking a college education at NMC or at other postsecondary institutions.

The free workshop will be held on Nov. 15, 2014, Saturday, at the NMC campuses on Saipan (As Terlaje campus in Building A), Tinian, and Rota. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am to 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

Individuals who participate

in NMC's upcoming "Cash for College" workshops will qualify to have their spring 2015 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card); an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies); tax forms; and proof of CNMI residency for 2012 and 2013, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

This free "Cash for College" workshop is made possible by the financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. This federal program aims to increase the number of students from underrepresented minority populations enrolled in college.

For additional information, visit marianas.edu or contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. (NMC)

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The government opts for easy, temporary solutions at any price and without public input. There is no transparency and the budget is a farce.

Consider the future for your children in the days ahead.

We gave the others a chance to lead, to change lives for the better and yet, here we are today.

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Ceremony honors Chamorro, Carolinian war dead

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Somber skies marked Thursday evening's Marianas Memorial Blessing and Remembrance ceremony at the American Memorial Park. Grass drowned in mud, candlelight floundered but prayers of power and song continued.

The "solemn occasion," as master of ceremony John Gonzales put it, was for the Carolinian and Chamorro dead who fell during World War II.

"Even in this tiny paradise that God gave us...we must value the life that was given," he said to the crowd gathered under tents at the memorial courtyard of the American Memorial Park.

He was recalling the 70 years of peace and liberty in the region after the war in 1944 where innocents fell "under a war forced upon them."

Behind him were the 10 granite panels holding the names of the thousands of Chamorro and



Marianas High School chorale filled the ceremony with song.

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Carolinian who died during the war and closing of Camp Su-supe in 1946.

He said the memorial also serves as a reminder of the many whose final resting places remain untraceable.

"They are a lasting reminder that they are forever rooted in



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Local leaders laid a large wreath of flowers at the center of the memorial last Thursday. From left, Diego L. Kaipat of the Saipan and Northern Island Municipal council; Jose T. Limes, executive assistant of the Carolinian Affairs Office; Ramon B. Camacho, chairman of the council; and Antonia M. Tudela, vice chair of the council.

our home," he said.

The Marianas High School band filled the occasion with their harmonies, Frances Sablan sang in Chamorro and Carolinian, and the Saipan Southern High School JROTC led the posting of colors.

Fr. Jesse Reyes led the in-

vocation, while Rev. Ray Kinsella led the benediction. Kinsella led a "prayer for peace" for soldiers fallen, or fighting now, and the families suffering all over the world.

"Lord, we pray and we ask... You have blessed us with peace, we ask that you also bless them

with peace," he said.

Candles representing the parishes of the community were placed at the center of the memorial. A large blue and white-flowered wreath was placed there soon after by Jose T. Limes of the Carolinian Affairs Office, and Ramon Camacho, Antonio

M. Tudela, and Diego Kaipat of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council.

The Marianas Memorial was first commemorated in 2004. Ten years later, the council decided to organize the event in order to establish a tradition of remembrance for the departed.



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Saipan Southern High School's JROTC led the posting of colors at last Thursday's Marianas Memorial ceremony.



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Parishioners from the community light candles in remembrance of the Carolinian and Chamorro fallen during World War II.



Candles were lit at the memorial's center, between the names of the dead.

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From the Desk of Governor Eloy S. Inos

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CNMI FROM GOVERNOR INOS

November 3rd, 2014

Hafa Adai yan Tirowami

It is hard to believe but it was only 20 months ago that I became your Governor. I am humbled by the amount of support and trust I received during this time and am so thankful for the partnership we have created with the people, the Legislature and our Washington Delegate.

As Governor there are days when every decision you make affects the lives of the people of the Commonwealth. I have taken this responsibility seriously and I want you to know that I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure that the quality of life for all of the citizens of the Commonwealth improves day after day.

I am proud of the accomplishments that my administration and legislature has delivered for the CNMI over the last 20 months. Ralph Torres and I are hopeful that when you enter the voting booth today, you will remember how far our Commonwealth has come in such a short period of time.

It is easy for people to talk about what they will do but it is much harder to actually deliver – my experience serving the People of the NMI stretches over 30 years both in the Private Sector and Public Sector. Ralph and I are committed to the philosophy that with Hard Work and a deep understanding of the issues, results and accomplishments will follow.

I also want to thank those that have already voted and I am hopeful that Ralph and I earned your support. Ralph and I are truly humbled and so thankful for the many people that have worked night and day over the past several months on this campaign. We have laughed together, cried together, and most importantly worked together towards making the CNMI a better place to live, grow, and prosper.

Our job is not done and with you at our side we will continue to make our Commonwealth Stronger and Better!

Thank you Si Yu'us Ma'ase yan Olomwaay

Your Governor Eloy S. Inos

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A better plan for Afghanistan

The mission is far from accomplished in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, but U.S. and British commanders felt enough confidence in Afghan government forces' combat abilities to withdraw all troops there this week and shut down the Camp Bastion and Leatherneck coalition military bases.

British troops are leaving Afghanistan altogether, while around 24,000 U.S. troops will remain, scattered among four major bases and several smaller outposts. By January, about half that number of troops will be left. They must be especially watchful for signs that Afghan troops are faltering in the field.

The Taliban's resilience in recent years—particularly in Helmand—has been impressive. And the embarrassing sweep of U.S.-trained Iraq forces by Islamic State jihadists earlier this year is a stark reminder of the dangers of leaving too quickly. Once American ground forces have left a country, coming to the rescue in an emergency becomes much harder.

The politically expedient choice is to reduce vulnerabilities and get U.S. forces out of harm's way. But, given Iraq's and Afghanistan's dismal track records, the morally responsible choice is to make sure a proper support system remains in place, which includes plenty of U.S. rapid-reaction ground troops.

The enemy is willing to die in the name of God and has an enormous capacity to regenerate its forces. There seems to be no equal zeal among coalition-trained local forces. Do they know what they're fighting for?

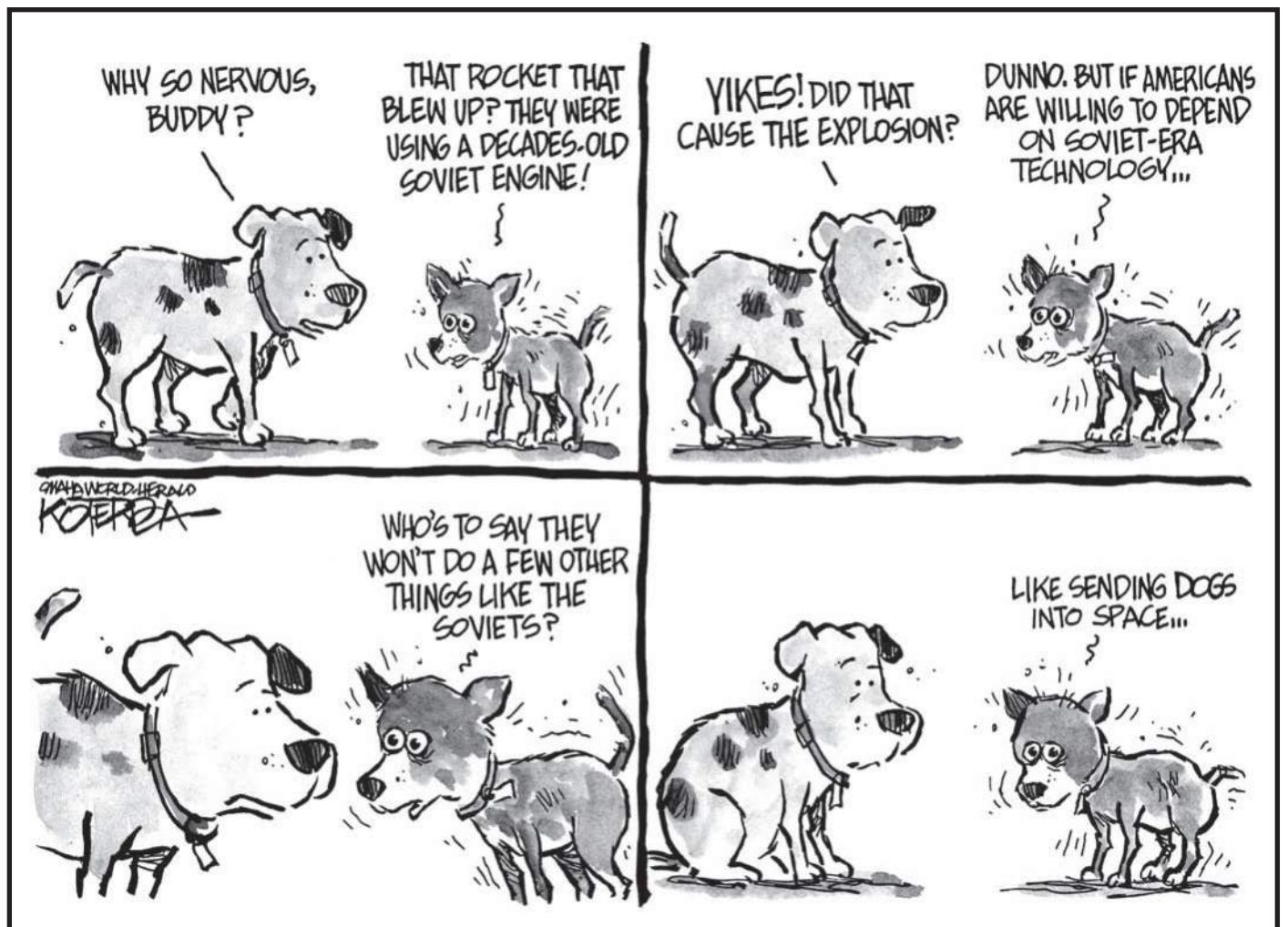
The same might be asked of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, who seem to be following orders more than embracing a mission. "We are doing exactly what our commander in chief has asked us to do," Marine Capt. James M. Geiger Jr. told The Washington Post.

The original goal was to free Afghanistan from Taliban tyranny. The Taliban oppressed women, imposed one of the planet's harshest forms of Islamic law and hosted the al-Qaeda planners of the 9/11 attacks. Today, U.S. military planners seem content merely to hold the Taliban at bay, perhaps until a viable Plan B surfaces.

The real mission hasn't changed, only the resolve to accomplish it. The Taliban's record speaks for itself: Public hangings for blasphemy. Beatings for playing music. Imprisonment or death for women who "submit" to rape. Likewise, the Islamic State's record is clear: Beheadings for refusing to embrace the jihadists' warped interpretation of Islam. Beheadings for being a Westerner.

The debacle of Iraq must not be repeated by leaving Afghan government forces to their own devices. No one wishes upon U.S. military families the kind of suffering thousands have endured over the past 13 years of war. But we will all regret that suffering far more if U.S. forces withdraw in haste, only to watch helplessly as radical jihadists bomb and behead their way back into tyrannical power.

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Biennially, we go through the motions of creating political heat in the CNMI. After all, when governance means primarily employment for the local population, it is not an impulse for democratic rule. It is patronage by designated symbolic powers even if the real ones are either behind the scene or elsewhere. Today, candidates vie for positions in the local elections for the local government.

A gubernatorial team pointed out in their reflection on the political economy of the islands that they consider the *military economy* as the crown jewel of the Marianas; and that property rights in Article 12 needed serious thought, offering their skills to meet what is required.

Of the crown jewel of the Marianas, the military might of the United States is a phenomenon of post-WWII. In a military power index of 106 countries, the U.S. leads the pack (U.S., Russia, China, India, UK, France, Germany, Turkey, South Korea, and Japan) with No. 5 France rating only half, and No. 10 Japan, three times less. The last of the 106, Tanzania, is rated 21 times less. Clear who has military might?

To take ground military deployment away from Iraq and Afghanistan, BHOObama offered a shift in military strategy from the Middle East to the Far East, falling into diatribe with China's beefing up of its military in response to naval and air force maneuvers off its 10-mile territorial limits.

Add a bellicose Philippine political machismo relying on U.S. military assistance once readily available from Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Base, plus an impulse for Taiwan independence and a U.S.-tolerated nationalistic yen of a resurgent Japan that now follows Cheney's policy of "preemptive defense", and you have a surefire formula for a messy diplomatic discord. USFK and USFJ smiles in the backroom.

The Northern Mariana Islands' economy is dependent on the financial assistance from the U.S., says the CIA Factbook. Former Interior's Jeff Schorr had his Horiguchi Bldg. desk looking like the grand central station of U.S. presence in the Commonwealth. He kept a genial low profile, all that power notwithstanding.

The CNMI's economy had a 2013 GDP of \$733 million, substantially down from over a billion before the garment industry folded up; its population numbers 51-plus K. That's a value of \$14K per resident. With agriculture and industry counting but 5 percent of the commercial activity, the 95 percent of services is not just installing parking meters, sweeping the streets, and replacing lamppost lights in Garapan. If my home State of Hawaii is referred to as a quadrant of Washington, D.C., with the Pearl Harbor infamy making Oahu famous, the CNMI gets a basement closet at the Pentagon!

To say that the U.S. military budget substantially features in the CNMI's economy is an understatement. It is covert. Other than the military exercises on Tinian, the local's contact with

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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crewcuts is when the salts put on their casuals and saunter into shore, or, sunset in the lagoon during their R&Rs, but there should not be any illusion that we are at parity in the consultative process. Not. Covenant-wise, uh-uh; equity-wise, no!

A CNMI politician who does not understand that Pentagon priority precedes CNMI local law does not understand what U.S. military might means, and has no business dragging ignorance into the halls of government! Until the Commonwealth ceases to be a "strategic military location" of the Armed Forces of the United States, BHO and federal instruments orchestrate what transpires in the territory.

This leads us to the second point: private property as prescribed by Article 12, the restrictions on the alienation of land in the Constitution. Touted as a gem of civil right's affirmative action, the NMDs retained sole ownership of land to counter the Hawaiian experience. The sovereign union, however, is not too friendly to policies anchored on racial definition. Tolerated in the short term, the provision won't survive sustained constitutional challenge.

Given the Commonwealth's demographic where those of Asian-descent outnumber the NMDs, the odious discrimination on land ownership cannot remain as is if the CNMI is to remain in the U.S. family.

Today's election has 17,740 registered voters. Political governance in the CNMI does not require expertise in rocket science. One dances with the feds on its programs, and manages public and private land ownership in a multi-ethnic population; innovate and create to benefit all.

In 1999, I visited the Land Title Office for some information, which I took for granted to be publicly available. Not in this case. I was asked to bring a lot number of the object of my query. A catch-22, it was obvious that I had to engage a lawyer to get the information I needed.

The people we choose today will waltz gracefully with two-right-footed Uncle Sam, are not uppity with privileged private land assets, nor opportunistic of the public's, and carry the label NMD not as status or privilege but as a badge of human integrity. Vote wisely.

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Competition is nearly always healthy for all

By **PLAYFORD RAMSEY**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Do you really benefit from having only one cell phone company or only one gas station or only one airline? Where is the hub for United/Continental? Where must you fly to first? When United/Continental had competition from Asiana and Japan Airlines, you benefited.

First of all, Marian Aldan-Pierce should be thanked by the CNMI for all the wonderful donations she has had total control over that have touched nearly every family in the CNMI. No one has done better. Thank you, Marian and DFS. With all her experience as the first employee at DFS, Marian's talents may be better served bidding for the concession herself, or now consider a run for governor?

All should never lose sight and remember the following highlights that are not necessarily favorable to the people of the CNMI and the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

1 LVMH is a French, publicly-listed international company that has and will continue to repatriate most of its profits outside of the CNMI—not really to the benefit of the good local people of the CNMI. That is what foreign companies do. The old ownership and pioneers of DFS and now LVMH-DFS have repatriated well over \$500 million in profits in the nearly 30 years in the CNMI—profits not spent in the CNMI but paid to foreign shareholders.

2 The executive decisions of operations, merchandising, marketing, finance, and logistics have been all centralized outside the CNMI and paid to non-CNMI executives in the last 15 years. Actual employment of locals has dropped to the bare minimum. LVMH-DFS has downsized local employment by over 200

in the last 15 years, consolidating some in Guam or Hawaii or Hong Kong and France, not the CNMI.

3 All large corporations practice defense as well as offense, and LVMH-DFS is no exception. Guam and even the much larger Hawaii market compete for the exact same tourists from Japan, Korea, and China, all of which are closer to the CNMI than either Guam or Hawaii. Because Guam and Hawaii are much larger investments for LVMH-DFS they actually practice more defense in the CNMI rather than offense against their (LVMH-DFS) stores in Hawaii and Guam. Fact is, during my 1994-'95 tenure the most successful market and advertising promotion implemented in Japan was precisely against Guam and Hawaii and it drew the most tourist ever seen to the CNMI. It has not been repeated since. Why? LVMH-DFS suppresses campaigns that would benefit the CNMI over Guam or Hawaii investments.

4 Some of you may also recall how the old DFS ownership worked hard directly with airlines and travel industry leaders in Japan and Korea to draw more seats to the CNMI. The old DFS ownership believed in the local management's independent responsibility to market their locations to bring in more tourists, as that is the sole reason for the business success as well as to the benefit of the economy of the CNMI. Most of the same foreign LVMH executives are responsible for Hawaii and Guam operations so you can see where their priorities are and will be first. They are not likely to promote the CNMI over Guam or Hawaii profitability.

DFS has trained thousands of local employees who have long moved on to other work in the government and other companies. They have been loyal to assist DFS many times along the way in appreciation of DFS' training. Is it not time to consider a real local company with local executives making local decisions to retain and use profits to help grow

tourism and the local CNMI economy by hiring even more locally? Is it not time for the CNMI to market its advantages against Guam and Hawaii? After all, 1,000 more seats a week to the small CNMI has significantly more impact on local businesses than the same 1,000 seats might have on a much larger Hawaii or Guam market.

5 One critical additional benefit the original DFS (and now LVMH-DFS) has is not openly discussed. The concession agreement gives the winner exclusive rights to deliver at departing points in the CNMI airport and seaport. This is another area where the foreign LVMH-DFS company plays defense. No business or any individual can deliver anything to these ports unless DFS approves. This is in fact one of the key reasons LVMH-DFS wishes for an extension and not have to bid. These are very valuable rights to concession and are worth millions. LVMH-DFS has a much larger business on Saipan to protect the massive Garapan Galleria. Note that all marketing are directed to the Galleria, not to the airport.

Another good reason for bidding might considerably be of healthy benefit to the CNMI and CPA. Notice that when the cruise ships come in, all the buses go only to the Galleria. They are of no benefit to the airport concession and less benefit to other stores on Saipan.

I, too, thank Marian for my experience working on Saipan twice in my long career under the original ownership of DFS. I hope she considers either a successful venture on her own as a real local company or into politics to be rewarded for all the great she has done for the good people of the CNMI.

For the people of the CNMI, competition is always better.

Playford Ramsey is a former president and general manager of DFS Saipan Ltd.

A reflection on business leadership and economic strategy

By **JUAN NEKAI BABAUTA & JUAN SABLAN TORRES**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Last of a two-part series

The Babauta-Torres leadership's core beliefs in an economy that values small business and entrepreneurship, local wealth and job creation, Buy USA, skilled workforce, and technology and innovation founded on our business leadership beliefs as follows:

We believe that wealth and job creation are integrated. It is important to focus on expanding opportunities to allow for business expansions in the short run and sustainability in the long run. It is undisputed that small businesses are the fastest job-creating engine in the economy. A Babauta-Torres administration will focus its assistance on the creation and retention of small businesses and provide assistance in infusing technology and innovation accordingly. Doing so would contribute to a healthy economy that provides jobs for residents to stay at home and work and for off-island students and residents alike to come home and participate in the CNMI's main economic engine in the hospitality industry.

We believe in stability for the nonresident workforce: adjustment in CNMI and federal laws may be required to provide CNMI-specific statutory protection or status for five years (five-year work permits) for all current nonresident workers who are legally in the CNMI and continued presence must be legal in order to continue to work in the CNMI. Workers in this category shall be set at a ceiling not to exceed 14,000 nonresident workers, and gradually reduced over time as set forth by the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security pursuant to 48 U.S.C. 1806.

We believe there is a compelling need to reduce the high utility rates by reducing dependency on fossil fuel and focusing on alternative energy. Fossil fuel is not the future. Meanwhile, work with Guam and other insular territories for short-term and long-term bulk fuel purchase agreements.

We believe in the local retirement program. We must restore the 25-percent unilateral reduction in pensions by using any and all additional revenues and savings realized, especially by investigation and enforcement to collect uncollected taxes. Remit current required employer contributions and the required annual payments to the Settlement Fund. Schedule payment of interest under P.L. 17-82 and P.L. 18-2 for those who withdrew their contributions under the defined benefit plan. Allow retirees the ability to contribute government services at half-time and half-pay plan without penalty.

We believe in tourism, hospitality and production of local food. We will promote high-end tourism, work with airlines, make the NMI a safe destination, promote tourism for culture and history, and accept major currencies from Japan, China, and Korea.

We believe in the need to upgrade and implement a CNMI-wide economic development master plan sanctioned by the CNMI government (Legislature and administration), in collaboration with private sector leaders.

We believe in creating investment opportunities, by opening up public lands for targeted industry in the CNMI economic development master plan sanctioned by the CNMI government that provides ample opportunities for the CNMI's resident workforce.

We believe in decent living wages through statutory minimum wage program. Minimum wage should be indexed to the NMI economic conditions and the island cost of living, in order to entice young locals into the private sector workforce.

We believe in the role of the private sector in the economy. It'd be a standard operating procedure for the Babauta-Torres administration to achieve a constructive and positive working relation with private sector leaders. A range of potential industries that would

boost tourism includes education, military, ecotourism, agriculture, sports, film and TV advertising, lift capacity (close dialogue and personal relationship with airlines, cruise ships, and other tour transportation providers), Destination America and visa waivers are but a few that the Babauta-Torres administration will take action during our first 60 days in office in 2015.

As we look back over the years, Juan S. Torres and I would agree with most that our Commonwealth could be made better with full-time leaders and leadership than what we presently are offered or provided.

May God bless us all as we exercise our inalienable right to vote for the leaders and the kind of leadership that we all deserve!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A tribute to the late Juan B. Blanco

My deepest condolences go to the family of the late Mr. Juan B. Blanco. He was already a legend in his own lifetime among Japanese knowledgeable about the Japanese colonial time during its South Seas Islands administration (1914-1944) when I came around here in the early '70s. FYI, I note below excerpts from an interview of Mr. Blanco conducted at his Saipan residence in June 2002, which was carried in the Saipan-kai (Saipan club, organized by former residents of Saipan during Japanese time) publication No. 3 published in 2003, with my additional notes. I deeply regret that I have forever lost the chance to do a follow-up on this interview with Mr. Blanco.

Mr. Juan B. Blanco was born in August 1923. In 1934 there was a visit to Saipan by an academic investigation group made up of four Japanese university representatives. As the group made visits to kôgakkô (public school for islanders), they paid attention to the fact that islanders are segregated from Japanese in the education system. (To be exact, one school system for people whose language in daily use is not the national language and another for school children whose language in daily use is the national language. See the last page or Appendix C of the eBook at http://paganislandinthedistance.com/pagan_island_in_the_distance.pdf.)

Being sympathetic about the inequality, the group decided to provide an opportunity for a pupil from kôgakkô with a good school record to study in Japan. "Fortunately I was class president in the third grade and was chosen," according to Mr. Blanco. During the summer vacation (the Japanese school year is from April to March) he was transferred to the third grade class at an elementary school in Tokyo and studied there through the fifth grade. He was transferred to and finished his sixth grade at an elementary school in Shimizu City, Shizuoka Prefecture, where his elder sister Elizabeth was studying at a midwife school (where Miss Maria Arriola and Miss Rufina Muña from Saipan were also studying).

According to Mr. Blanco, three of his sisters got married to Japa-

nese nationals. His eldest sister Maria got married to the eldest son of a Shinto priest, Mr. Kamiyama, who was disinherited and forced to transfer the headship of the family to his younger brother because of his strong desire to marry a Catholic. Mr. Juan B. Blanco was then known by his Japanese name, Seiichi Kamiyama.

There were only four Chamorros who went to study at Nan'yô Saipan Industrial School (which was essentially for non-islanders). "Along with Mr. Vicente Sablan, I was enrolled at the school in 1939 as the first Chamorro students," said Mr. Blanco. "My classmate Vicente Sablan (Kilili, former Saipan mayor) regrettably was dismissed from school for some reason. Two years younger, Mr. Felipe Arriola was an excellent student and in his second year at the school made a speech at the public hall in Garapan representing the school's commerce course, but unfortunately passed away during the Saipan invasion (1944). Mr. Joaquin Sablan was also a student there." Mr. Blanco was the only islander graduate of Saipan Industrial School (in the Commerce Course).

Upon graduation, Mr. Blanco had two options in seeking employment: Japanese military and Nan'yô Kôhatsu [or NKK, the sugar company]. Being advised that in the military, his "islander" status will discriminate him, he applied for and was employed by NKK with the full privileges as a Japanese employee.

After about a month of life in the wild in the northern part of Saipan, Mr. Blanco was taken to the camp for Japanese (there was one for Koreans and another for islanders). Thanks to a Lt. Steven who spoke Japanese, Mr. Blanco was then transferred to the camp that accommodated his family members. His father told him that they had thought that he had not survived the invasion and had already done the nine-day ritual for him.

Noriyasu Horiguchi
Tanapag, Saipan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

▲84° ▼75°

WEDNESDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲86° ▼76°

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

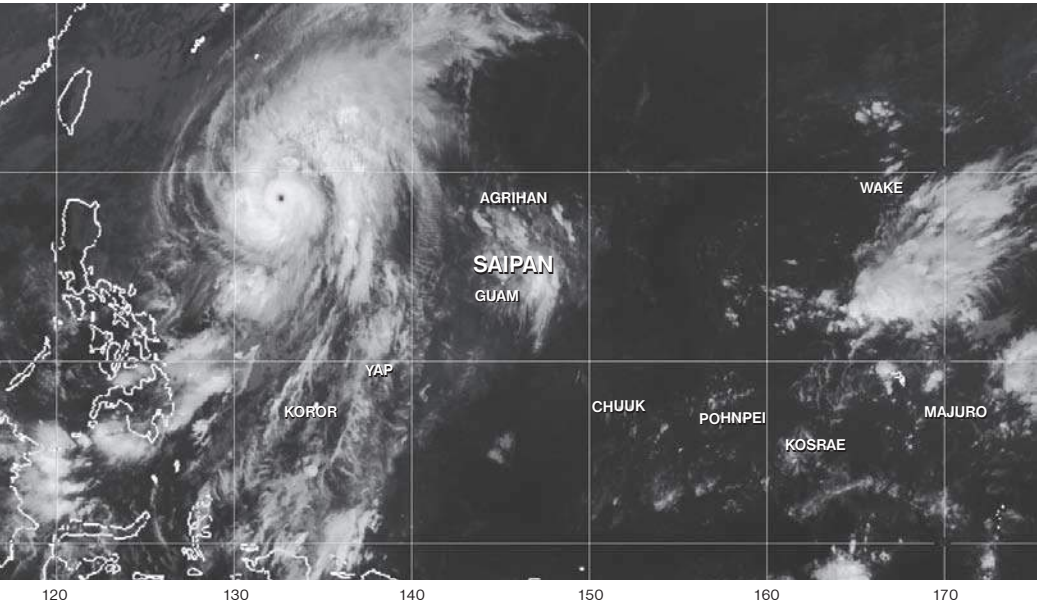
▲88° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Nuri is centered 675 miles north-northwest of Yap at 18N133E moving northward at 12 mph with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are found within 200 miles of the center. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located up to 500 miles from the center. For more information on Super Typhoon Nuri, see warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Converging south to southwest winds south of Nuri are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across Palau between 9N and the equator from 130E to 137E. An upper-level trough runs southward from 25N169E to 9N166E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring east of Wake Island within 150 miles of a line from 15N164E to 18N171E to 24N178E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms mainly north of Kwajalein atoll between 12N and 6N from 165E to 170E. Another trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of the Marshall Islands between 12N and 5N from 174E to the date line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 76
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64	▼ 50
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 60	▼ 37
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲ 77	▼ 72
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 84	▼ 73
London	Rain	▲ 53	▼ 47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 75	▼ 52
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81	▼ 53
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76	▼ 70
New York	Sunny	▲ 60	▼ 46
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 66	▼ 52
Paris	Rain	▲ 58	▼ 48
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 63	▼ 50
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 69	▼ 57
Salem	Rain	▲ 56	▼ 53
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65	▼ 53
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 63	▼ 42
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65	▼ 53
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 63	▼ 44

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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
5:16 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.7 Feet
11:16 AM	Today	High Tide:	0.5 Feet
5:20 PM	Today	Low Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:14 AM	6:47 PM
Wednesday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Friday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	3:42 PM	3:20 AM
Wednesday	4:30 PM	4:18 AM
Thursday	5:18 PM	5:16 AM
Friday	6:08 PM	6:13 AM
Saturday	6:59 PM	7:11 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2014

DEPARTURES			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm	5, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM
UA5071/PR111	7:15am	4:50pm	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	2, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:20am	12:50pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:50am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:40pm	7 via ICN

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 7 via NRT
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm	5, 7
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm	1,5 via GUM
PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm	1, 5 via GUM
DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5041	11:30pm	6:35pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5043	11:30pm	10:20pm+1	5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ750/603	1:40am	2:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 6 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:35pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA180/5043	9:55pm	10:20pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:20am	12:50pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:50am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:40pm	7 via ICN

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN			SAIPAN TO TINIAN			SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily			
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily			
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily			
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily			
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily	ROTA TO SAIPAN		
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily	8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily	4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						



MASTER OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Marianas musical icon and recording artist Candy Babauta Taman of San Roque, Saipan, is presented with a resolution by the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council at the Kiusku Memorial in Chalan Kanoa on the occasion of his conferral of Honorary Master of Micronesian Traditional Knowledge Honoris Causa by the University of Guam during UOG's spring 2014 Commencement Exercises on May 25, 2014.

Head Start Council seeks community representatives

The Head Start Program is actively seeking one representative each from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to serve as a Community Representative for the school year 2014-2015 Head Start Policy Council.

Qualification requirements

- Community representatives must come from the local community who are familiar with resources and services for low-income children and families;
- Cannot be an employee or immediate relative of an employee for the CNMI Public School System; and
- May not have already served three terms on the Head Start Policy Council.

Duties and responsibilities

The Policy Councils must work in partnership with key management staff and the governing body to develop, review, and approve or disapprove the following policies and procedures:

- All funding applications and amendments to funding applications Head Start, including administrative services, prior to the submission of such applications to the Department of Health and Human Services;
- Procedures describing how

the governing body and the appropriate policy group will implement shared decision-making;

- Procedures for program planning in accordance with this part and the requirements of 45 CFR 1305.3;

- The program's philosophy and long- and short-range program goals and objectives;

- The composition of the Policy Council and the procedures by which policy group members are chosen;

- Criteria for defining recruitment, selection, and enrollment priorities, in accordance with the requirements of 45 CFR part 1305;

- The annual self-assessment of the grantee or delegate agency's progress in carrying out the programmatic and fiscal intent of its grant application, including planning or other actions that may result from the review of the annual audit and findings from the Federal monitoring review (see 45 CFR 1304.51(i) (1) for additional requirements about the annual self-assessment);

- Program personnel policies and subsequent changes to those policies, in accordance with 45 CFR 1301.31, including standards of conduct for program staff, consultants, and volunteers;

- Decisions to hire or termi-

nate the Head Start director of the grantee agency; and

- Decisions to hire or terminate any person who works primarily for the Head Start program of the grantee agency.

In addition, Policy Councils must perform the following functions directly:

- Serve as a link to the Parent Committees, grantee agency governing bodies, public and private organizations, and the communities they serve;

- Assist Parent Committees in communicating with parents enrolled in all program options to ensure that they understand their rights, responsibilities, and opportunities in Head Start and to encourage their participation in the program;

- Assist Parent Committees in planning, coordinating, and organizing program activities for parents with the assistance of staff, and ensuring that funds set aside from program budgets are used to support parent activities;

- Assist in recruiting volunteer services from parents, community residents, and community organizations, and assist in the mobilization of community resources to meet identified needs; and

- Establish and maintain procedures for working with the grantee or delegate agency to resolve community complaints

about the program.

The Head Start Policy Council meets every month. Interested community members should fax or email a brief letter of interest and résumé to 664-3760 or jolene.guerrero@cnmipss.org.

The deadline to express interest is Friday, Nov. 14, 2014. The election of Community Representatives will be held at the regular meeting of the Head Start Policy Council in November.

Should you have any ques-

tions or need additional information, contact the program's Family & Community Partnership Manager, Jolene Guerrero, at jolene.guerrero@cnmipss.org or call 323-7446/7447/664-3751. (**Head Start**)

Public warned of high surf today


Combined seas of 6 to 8 feet will rise to 8 to 10 feet by tonight, Nov. 4, 2014, as a long period west swell arrives from distant Super Typhoon Nuri, according to the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Meanwhile, a weak tropical disturbance will generate numerous showers over Tinian and Saipan

waters and scattered showers over Guam and Rota waters.


A high surf advisory is now in effect from 6am Tuesday to 6pm Thursday along west facing reefs. Surf will become hazardous at 7 to 9 feet along west facing reefs this morning, rising to 9 to 11 feet by Wednesday.

By Wednesday morning surf will likely become hazardous at 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs.

The public is advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along north facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening. (**HSEM**)



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81 take advantage of free oral cancer screening

Since the first Oral Cancer Awareness Proclamation signing on Aug. 15 this year, 81 persons have taken advantage of the free oral cancer screening in dental clinics across the CNMI.

"The free screening of 81 persons speaks of the outstanding partnership and commitment of our dental clinics, to provide free screening and we are pleased with the response and action from the community," said Commonwealth Cancer Association president Lauri B. Ogomoro.

CCA challenges at least 81 more members of the community to take advantage of this free oral cancer screening before Christmas 2014. Think of the free oral cancer screening as a Christmas present to yourself!

"The dental community needs to be the first line of defense against oral cancer," said Dr. Kenneth Pierson. "Just performing 'opportunistic' three-minute oral cancer screenings of the existing patient population that visits a dental office every day could have a profound impact on our ability to discover the disease at earlier, even pre-cancerous, stages. This could help us dramatically reduce the mortality and morbidity of this

disease."

The CCA board of directors extends its profound gratitude to Dr. Pierson and staff at Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic, Dr. Gentry and staff at the Commonwealth health Center Clinic, Dr. Krum at Dental Care, Dr. Markoff at ToothWorks, and Dr. Haluby, Dr. Ventura and staff at New Wave Dental. The board

also recognizes and extends heartfelt appreciation to Mami Ikeda, Carla A. Sablan and Lanelle O. Camacho for their courage and commitment.

Please continue to call the following: Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic at 234-6323, Division of Public Health Service and the CHCC Dental Clinic at 234-8950, Dental Care Clinic

at 233-1100, New Wave Clinic at 233-3300, Smile Marianas Clinic at 235-2378, and ToothWorks Clinic at 234-3810.

The CCA hopes through this collaboration to see this disease brought to the attention of as many individuals as possible, and have the disease get the local community's attention necessary to meaningfully raise

public awareness. A public that understands the risk factors and early signs and symptoms of the disease are better prepared to recognize and self-discover things that should take them to the doctor for further evaluation at the early stages.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public service charity

that provides information, direct financial patient support, survivorship, patient navigation, and advocacy related to this disease and other cancers. You can contact the CCA at telephone 682-0050, by email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or log on to www.ccamarianas.org website for more information about the CCA and its programs. (CCA)

CCA, Hard Rock partner for a smashing 'Pinktober'

The Commonwealth Cancer Association, in partnership with Hard Rock Café Saipan, thanks the community for making the Pinktober fundraising held on Oct. 24, 2014, at the Hard Rock Café a success. The annual Pinktober event is one of Hard Rock Café's Global Rock Breast Cancer Awareness and Benefit Charities, wherein CCA is the benefactor. The Hard Rock Café's motto—"The answer is out there, together we'll find it"—speaks directly to their Pinktober efforts.

The CCA thanked the following partners for their donations and support: T Galleria Saipan, Delta Air Lines, MarPac, Century Tours, IT&E, Hard Rock Café Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, Docomo

Pacific, MarPac, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club, Island Apparel, and Tan Holdings. The event was also highlighted with entertainment featuring Walden and Violy, Parker Yobei, Al Saures and Rodney Ilo, The Flow Band Mantarays, Josh Castro and Project Blues.

The CCA also thanks the following individuals that helped sold tickets, to those that bought tickets, and our volunteers for the event. They are CCA president Lauri, CCA board member Vivian, Cesar Dumatol, Maria T. Salinas, Arnel Gruspe, Joe C. Guerrero, Carlyn DLG Hofschneider, Guy Pudney, Mami Ikeda, Gloria Cavanagh, Carla A. Sablan, Lanelle O. Camacho, Gloria Cavanagh, Gloria Sala-

zar, Christopher A. Concepcion, Catherine Attao-Toves, Manny Borja, Wilbur Rospel, TaAnn Kabua, Lucretia C. Borja, Orin Pharmin, Peter T. Diaz, Linda C. Torres, Margarita Prater, Leo Pangelinan, and Becky Sablan.

This is one of the events that reaffirms our commitment to raise awareness about breast cancer, help raise funds for CCA programs and services and see opportunities to distribute fact sheets about breast cancer, said Lauri. "As a community, we can make a difference in the fight against breast cancer. And as a community, we come together to show our resolve in conquering this tragic disease."

The CCA maintains a full calendar of programs to raise



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From left, L.J. Castro, Juan L. Babauta, Maria Salinas, Cesar Dumatol, and Patricia Kaipat bow their heads during the candlelight segment of the Pinktober event to honor those who've lost their fight against breast cancer.

awareness and provide public education about cancer, and to assist cancer patients and survivors. For further information about CCA programs, contact

the CCA at telephone 682-0050 or by email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or log on to our website at www.ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

PH consulate to hold mobile outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in cooperation with the United Filipino Organizations, will conduct mobile consular services on Saipan on Nov. 14 to 18, 2014, at the first floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. All of those interested in availing of consular services are advised to prepare the following requirements:

A. FOR PASSPORT RENEWALS

■ Due to the capacity limits of our passport processing equipment, we can only process up to 600 applications over the five-day mission from Nov. 14 to 18.

■ Please note that only the 600 applicants who had pre-registered during the last consular mission in September 2014 will be processed during this mission.

■ The 600 applicants in the official list are each assigned a specific date and time slot.

■ Make sure that you appear during your scheduled processing time, otherwise you may have to wait until a slot opens up.

■ Those who have to renew their passports and who are not in the official list of 600 applicants to be processed for this mission can still come to pre-register and submit the necessary requirements.

■ Those who pre-register during this November mission will have their applications processed during the next consular mission.

■ Per department guidelines, the Consular Team CANNOT extend expired passports unless the holder will be simultaneously processed for renewal.

■ The Consulate General is well aware of the issues faced by our nationals who cannot renew their passports and we are working on solutions to alleviate their situation.

■ The official list of those who have appointment will be announced on Nov. 7, 2014.

■ Requirements for renewal of GREEN Philippine passport:

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport
3. Original passport
4. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)

■ Requirements for renewal of BROWN/MAROON Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport
3. Photocopy of birth certificate
4. Original passport
5. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)

■ Requirements for LOST Philippine passport

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport (if available)
3. Photocopy of birth certificate

4. Police Report
5. Notarized Affidavit of Loss (\$25)
6. Original passport
7. Payment of Lost Passport Fee: US\$90 (Green/Maroon) or US\$150 (ePassport)

B. Registration for overseas voting for the May 9, 2016, Philippine elections

All citizens of the Philippines who are abroad, at least 18 years of age on the day of the elections (May 9, 2016), and who are registered overseas voters, may vote for president, vice president, senators and party-list representatives.

Personal appearance is necessary as the voter registration process requires the intake of a person's biometric data. Applicants should present proof of Philippine citizenship, such as a valid Philippine passport or NSO-issued certificate of birth.

C. For civil registry and notarial services

All applications for civil registry and notarial services will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Applicants are advised to prepare the originals and copies of the required documents as indicated below:

- Report of Birth (\$25)
 1. Original Birth Certificate + five copies
 2. If applicable, Original Marriage Certificate of Parents + five copies
 3. Valid Passport of Parents + five copies; If Passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies
 4. U.S. Naturalization Certificate of Parent + five copies, if parent is already a U.S. citizen at the time of application
 5. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Birth (\$25), if filed more than one (month from birth of child
 6. For Illegitimate children using surname of father, Affidavit to Use Surname of Father (\$25)
 7. Duly accomplished ROB Form, signed in front of consular officer
- Report of Marriage (\$25)
 1. Original Marriage Certificate + five copies
 2. Original Birth Certificate of Filipino spouse + five copies
 3. Valid Passports of both parties + five copies each; if passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies
 4. 2x2 photo (white background) of each of the spouses
 5. For parties with previous marriage/s:
 - a. For U.S. citizens, Final Decree of Divorce + five copies
 - b. For Filipino citizens, Annotated Marriage Certificate from NSO showing details of Annulment + five copies OR Judgment of Philippine Court Recognizing Final Decree of Divorce issued by a

foreign court

- c. For widows/widower, Death Certificate of deceased spouse
6. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Marriage (\$25), if filed more than one month from celebration of marriage
7. For those whose spouses are non-Filipinos, duly accomplished CFO form

8. Duly accomplished ROM Form signed in front of consular officer

- Report of Death (\$25)
 1. Original Death Certificate + copies
 2. Duly accomplished ROD Form
 - Acknowledgements (SPA, General Power of Attorney, Contracts), Jurat (Affidavits)

1. Valid Passport or government issued ID (i.e., driver's license) of signatory + copy

2. Must sign document in front of consular officer
3. Payment of \$25 fee
- For NBI Clearance Application (\$25)

1. Completely accomplished NBI Form (to be provided by the Philippine Consulate Team). Said form must be brought to the local police station for fingerprinting. Applicants must ensure that the police officer taking the fingerprints must sign in the "Impressions Taken By" field.

2. One 2x2 photo (to be pasted on the form)
3. Original Valid Passport and two (2) copies (Data and Signature Page of the passport)

■ Authentication/Verification of Employment Contracts

1. Job Order
- Attachments: USCIS Approval, Company License, Passport of Signatory (Employer)

2. Special Power of Attorney

Attachments: Company License, Passport of Signatory (Employer)

3. Recruitment Agreement

Attachments: Company License, Passport of Signatory (Employer)

4. Individual or Group Employment Contract

Attachments: Company License, Passport of Signatory (Employer)

Following are the applicable fees for these services:

Document	Authentication Fee	DOLE Verification Fee
Job Order	\$25	\$10
SPA	\$25	\$10
Recruitment Agreement	\$25	\$30
Individual Contract	\$25	\$10
Group Contract	\$25	\$30

Please note that all applicants for the above services will be required to photocopy the signed documents after processing.

For questions or clarifications regarding the mobile consular outreach, call the Consulate General at our toll free number (670) 682-2222. (PR)

Business

Delta gives to veterans, service members, their families

Delta Air Lines is helping veterans and members of the military and their families by matching miles donated by customers in November to the Fisher House

Foundation and Luke's Wings charitable organizations. Delta will match donations made through the SkyWish program up to a total of 10 million miles.

SkyWish is the charitable arm of Delta's SkyMiles frequent flyer program and allows Delta and its SkyMiles members to donate miles to 30 charitable organizations worldwide.

The Fisher House Foundation and Luke's Wings are able to use the miles donated through SkyWish to provide air travel to wounded, injured or ill service members, veterans and their families, to connect them with their loved ones for support while they undergo treatment or recover from their injuries.

"Delta is proud to partner with customers to assist our veterans, service members and their families by providing travel through the SkyWish program," said Tad Hutcheson, vice president of Community Affairs for Delta. "They have given so much to serve our country, and we are grateful to be able to give back to them during a time of need."

Fisher House facilities offer military and veterans' families a place to stay at no cost while a loved one is re-

ceiving treatment. In September, Delta contributed significantly for the construction of a second Fisher House facility at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Seattle. Luke's Wings provides families with the means to travel to be with their loved one during the service member's hospitalization and rehabilitation.

In addition to the Fisher House Foundation and Luke's Wings, Delta's support of the military also includes partnerships with the Marine Toys

for Tots campaign, Wounded Warriors, select USO locations throughout the country, and the Freedom Center in Detroit. The airline's support for these organizations is part of its Force for Global Good, through which Delta employees contribute time, energy and millions of dollars to a host of global philanthropic causes.

To review the SkyWish program terms and conditions and to donate miles, go to www.delta.com/veterans. **(Delta Air Lines)**

Determining pay not an exact science, but experience certainly counts

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: Despite having a good salary, I believe I'm not being fairly compensated. Seven years ago, I was hired as a staff accountant making \$35,000 per year. Five years later, after several promotions, I was named Chief Financial Officer. My salary is now \$120,000.

Although this is obviously a significant increase, I still make less than the other members of our leadership team. I believe this disparity exists because I reached my position in such a short time, while those executives have been here for decades.

In my opinion, pay should not be based on tenure, but on the person's value to the company. My role is just as important as my colleagues', so I'm not being paid what I'm worth. Nevertheless, our CEO seems to feel I should be satisfied with my current salary. What do you think?

A: Before addressing your question, we need a quick review of Compensation 101. Although this is hardly a captivating topic, it is one which employees need to understand, because all salaries are determined by a number of factors.

In most companies, pay is influenced by both external and internal comparisons. To attract and retain desirable employees, salaries must be competitive with those of other businesses. Internally, pay must also be fairly distributed across a wide variety of jobs, considering factors like complexity of work and level of responsibility.

Based on external and internal data, management creates a hierarchy of pay scales that establish the minimum and maximum salary for every position. Each job is placed at the appropriate level in this hierarchy. Within the established ranges, individual salaries are determined by both experience and performance.

As you have correctly assumed, the pay differential in your situation is probably created by length of service. While level of responsibility puts you and your peers in the same salary range, their greater experience places them at a higher point in that range.

Given your rapid rise, your abilities are obviously highly valued. With a better understanding of the pay system, perhaps you can put aside these resentments and appreciate your rather amazing success.

Q: I would like to complain about a co-worker, but I'm afraid to do so. Although "Evan" has only been with our company a short time, he always acts superior and tries to order me around. He makes annoying comments in a loud voice that can be overheard by others. I haven't mentioned these issues to my boss because he and Evan have been friends for over 10 years. What should I do?

A: Evan sounds like more of an irritation than a problem, so you are wise to keep your feelings to yourself. Given their long-standing friendship, your boss might react badly to complaints about Evan and blame you for any issues that arise. This may not be fair, but it's an unfortunate reality.

Under these circumstances, your objective is to manage your own emotional reactions. If you can convince yourself that Evan's annoying personality is just a personal handicap which has nothing to do with you, then you might be able to ignore his aggravating behavior.



VALUED CUSTOMERS

Delta Air Lines invited frequent flyers in Guam to cocktails on Oct. 29 to thank them for flying with Delta. From left to right, Steven Crowdey, Delta Air Lines director for Australia, Micronesia and Philippines; Marie Lizama, Delta; Jennifer De Rosas, Delta; Michelle Mercado, Delta; Stevyn Radonich, Smithbridge Guam and Platinum Elite; Edgar Pilante, Delta; and Patricia Celis, Delta. Crowdey also updated key customers on the billions of dollars Delta has invested in airport facilities, global products, services and technology to enhance the customer experience in the air and on the ground.

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AP survey: China slowdown to bruise global economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—China's roaring economy for years has pulled much of the rest of the world with it, soaking up oil, iron ore and other commodities from developing countries and autos and luxury goods from Europe.

But its role as a global engine is fading as its economy slows—and many other nations, in the view of economists, will feel the pain. An Associated Press survey of 30 economists has found that 57 percent of them expect China's decelerating economy to restrain growth in countries from Brazil and Chile to Australia and South Korea.

A notable exception is the United States, which the economists see as largely insulated from China's troubles.

China's once-explosive growth has slowed in part because of its government's efforts to restrain its speculative real estate sector and shift its economy toward consumer spending. China's economy expanded 7.3 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier, its slowest pace since 2009. A growth rate



In this Oct. 21, 2014 file photo, a worker dressed an emperor costume to attract customers as he stands outside a shop selling souvenirs at the Wangfujing shopping district in Beijing, China.

above 7 percent would be the envy of most major economies. But for China, it marked a sharp slowdown after three decades of double-digit expansion.

Last week, the Conference Board, a business group, forecast that China's growth would slump to 4 percent by 2020.

China's deceleration is rippling around the world. Brazil and Australia are selling it less iron ore, a key ingredient in

steel, as China's construction boom slows. Chile is exporting less copper to China. Indonesia is selling it less oil and lumber.

And South Korea's electronics exports have faltered, hampering its growth, as Chinese consumers buy fewer smartphones or choose cheaper domestic alternatives.

China is also cracking down on corruption, which threatens European designer brands.

Sung Won Sohn, an economist at California State University's Smith School of Business, estimates that one-third of luxury Swiss watches are exported to China. In addition, China is the fastest-growing market for Mercedes-Benz and BMW.

U.S. automakers, particularly General Motors, also sell lots of cars in China. But nearly all are built in China and don't contribute much to the U.S. economy, Sohn said. That's true of many other U.S. goods sold in China, including electronics. As a result, weaker sales in China wouldn't much hurt the United States. Capital Economics, a forecasting firm, calculates that only 6.5 percent of U.S. exports go to China—equal to just 0.9 percent of the U.S. economy.

"It's hard to see a slowdown in China having a really significant impact on the U.S. economy, barring a complete collapse," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics.

The AP surveyed a range of corporate, Wall Street and academic economists from Oct. 24 through 29.

Nation

Terminally ill 'death with dignity' advocate dies

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A young woman who moved to Oregon to take advantage of the state's assisted-suicide law took lethal drugs prescribed by a doctor and has died, a spokesman said Sunday.

Brittany Maynard, 29, was diagnosed with brain cancer on New Year's Day and was later given six months to live. She and her husband, Dan Diaz, moved from California because that state does not allow terminally ill patients to end their lives with lethal drugs prescribed by a doctor.

Maynard became a nationally recognized advocate for the group Compassion & Choices, which seeks to expand aid-in-dying laws beyond a handful of states.

Sean Crowley, a spokesman for Compassion & Choices,

said in a statement late Sunday that Maynard died Saturday "as she intended—peacefully in her bedroom, in the arms of her loved ones."

Crowley said Maynard "suffered increasingly frequent and longer seizures, severe head and neck pain, and stroke-like symptoms. As symptoms grew more severe she chose to abbreviate the dying process by taking the aid-in-dying medication she had received months ago."

Maynard's story, accompanied by photos from her pre-illness wedding day, got attention across the globe while igniting a debate about doctor-assisted suicide.

She told reporters she planned to take her life Nov. 1, less than three weeks before her 30th birthday, but later said she was



This undated file photo provided by the Maynard family shows Brittany Maynard, a 29-year-old terminally ill woman who plans to take her own life under Oregon's death with dignity law. A spokesman for a terminally ill Oregon woman says she has taken lethal medication prescribed by a doctor and died. Sean

feeling well enough to possibly postpone. She said she wasn't suicidal but wanted to die on her own terms, and she reserved the right to move the death date forward or push it back.

She said her husband and other relatives accepted her choice.

"I think in the beginning my family members wanted a miracle; they wanted a cure for my cancer," she told The Associated Press in early October. "I still want a cure for my cancer. One does not exist, at least that I'm aware of."

"When we all sat down and looked at the facts, there isn't a single person that loves me that wishes me more pain and more suffering."

Oregon was the first U.S. state to make it legal for a doctor to prescribe a life-ending

drug to a terminally ill patient of sound mind who makes the request. The patient must swallow the drug without help; it is illegal for a doctor to administer it.

More than 750 people in Oregon used the law to die as of Dec. 31, 2013. The median age of the deceased is 71. Only six were younger than 35, like Maynard.

The state does not track how many terminally ill people move to Oregon to die. A patient must prove to a doctor that they are living in Oregon. Some examples of documentation include a rental agreement, a voter registration card or a driver's license.

Oregon voters approved the Death with Dignity Act in 1994, then reaffirmed it—60 percent to 40 percent—in 1997.

Can space industry survive 2 explosions in 4 days?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fiery failures are no stranger to the space game. It's what happens when you push the boundaries of what technology can do, where people can go. And it happened again to Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo.

In the past decade, the space industry has tried to go from risky and government-run to routine private enterprise—so routine that if you have lots of money you can buy a ticket on a private spaceship and become a space tourist.

More than 500 people have booked a flight, including Justin Bieber, Ashton Kutcher and little known space scientist Alan Stern.

But it all depends on flying becoming safe and routine. This week hasn't helped.

Three days after a private unmanned rocket taking cargo up to the International Space Station blew up six seconds into its flight, a test flight of SpaceShipTwo exploded Friday over the Mojave Desert with two people on board.

The developments reignited the debate about the role of business in space and whether it is or will ever be safe enough for everyday people looking for an expensive 50-mile-high thrill ride.

"It's a real setback to the idea that lots of people are going to be taking joyrides into the fringes of outer space any time soon," said John Logsdon, retired space policy director at George Washington University. "There were a lot of people who believed that the technology to carry people is safely at hand."

The question for space tourism might be, "if it survives," Logsdon said. But he thinks its momentum in recent years will keep it alive.

Virgin Galactic founder Richard Branson expressed the same view Saturday after arriving in Mojave, California, to meet with the project workforce reeling from the accident.

"We would love to finish what was started some years ago, and I think pretty well all our astronauts would love us to finish it, love to go to space," he said. "Millions of people in the world would love to one day have the chance to go to space."

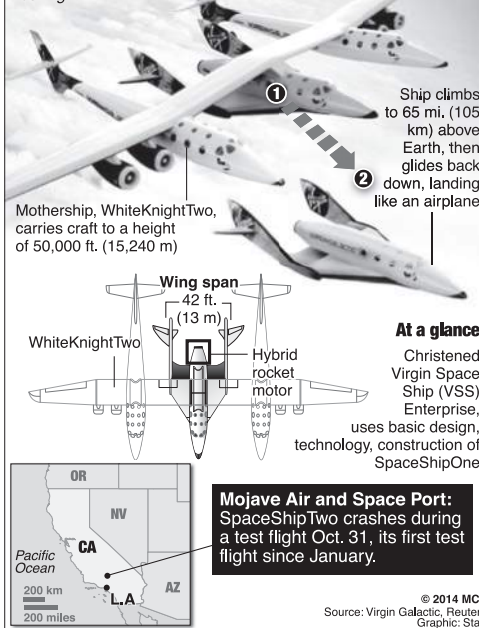
Federal estimates of the commercial space industry—only a little of it involving tourism—exceed \$200 billion. NASA is counting on private companies such as SpaceX and Orbital Sciences to haul cargo to the space station. They are also spending billions to help SpaceX and Boeing build ships that will eventually take people there, too.

Internet pioneers Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos have gotten into the space game. Aviation entrepreneur Branson and others are pushing a billion-dollar space tourism industry.

The Virgin Galactic and Orbital accidents have nothing in common except the words private space, Stern said. Still it raises issues about

SpaceShipTwo crashes

SpaceShipTwo, British billionaire Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic spacecraft designed to take tourists into space, crashed during a test flight.



the space industry.

Some experts said they worry that private industry may just not be as safe as the government when it comes to going into space.

Jerry Linenger, a former astronaut who narrowly survived a 1997 fire on the Russian space station Mir, said private industry lacks the experience and the advocates for safety that NASA had when he was launching into space. He pointed to former moonwalking astronaut John Young, who NASA encouraged to raise safety issues and slow things down.

Watching the Orbital Sciences accident on Tuesday, Linenger said, "it was blatantly obvious that it is a dangerous operation that is very nearly on the edge," yet private companies talk of doing it better, faster and cheaper. Then they find out that was naive, he said.

American University space policy professor Howard McCurdy, who wrote the book "Space and the American Imagination," said NASA in the 1990s and private companies tout lean management to get things done faster, better and cheaper in space. But he said that leaves no margin for error and "is like flying an airplane without a qualified pilot. You really need to do it right."

McCurdy pointed to all the Silicon Valley whiz kids in space and worried that they come with the same Microsoft attitude of pushing a product out and fixing it on the fly.

Gates Foundation boosts aid to stamp out malaria

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Philanthropist Bill Gates says he wants to end malaria in his lifetime and will give more money toward that goal, part of his broader fight against tropical diseases that are getting unusual public attention because of the Ebola epidemic.

In an interview with The Associated Press and in a speech Sunday at a global health conference in New Orleans, the Microsoft co-founder said his Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation would increase its malaria program budget by 30 percent, to more than \$200 million per year. That's on top of the foundation's other donations to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Small steps won't get the job done, and scientists don't have all the tools they need to eradicate malaria, Gates said.

His plan includes developing a drug or vaccine to purge the malaria parasite in people who carry it without showing symptoms—a "human reservoir" that helps spread the disease.

"I really do believe that malaria can be eradicated in my lifetime," said Gates, who just turned 59.

Gates spoke at the annual meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, a conference that usually gets little public notice, about diseases often referred to as "neglected."

That is not the case this year. On Wednesday, Louisiana officials created a stir by asking the 3,500 people registered for the conference to stay away if they have been to certain West African countries or have had contact with an Ebola patient in the last 21 days, the maximum incubation period for Ebola.

Conference organizers called the stance an overreaction to Ebola fears, and said it would prevent some scientists from presenting studies on the outbreak, which has killed about 5,000 Africans this year.

In all, Gates said his founda-

tion will commit more than \$500 million this year to fight malaria, pneumonia, and diarrheal and parasitic diseases in poor countries. Here are some he discussed.

EBOLA

The conference comes "at a pivotal moment in the history of global health" because of the world's largest outbreak of Ebola, Gates said. He and his wife have pledged \$50 million to help contain it and for research on treatments, rapid tests and vaccines. Another Microsoft co-founder, Paul Allen, has pledged \$100 million, and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan, \$25 million.

The global response to Ebola initially stumbled and revealed flaws in our health systems, Gates



Gates

said. Since then, some countries and groups have helped, but much more is needed, he said.

MALARIA

It kills more than 600,000 people each year, mostly children in Africa but also in Asia, Latin America and other areas.

It is caused by parasites spread through the bite of infected mosquitoes. In areas where the disease is common, people can develop partial immunity—they carry the parasite but don't get sick, and mosquitoes who bite them become infected and then spread the disease when they bite others.

Efforts to control the disease, such as bed nets to prevent mosquito bites, must continue but "the only way to stop malaria is to end it forever," Gates said.

His plan includes \$156 mil-

lion over five years to the PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative to develop vaccines that prevent mosquitoes from infecting people and vice versa.

Dr. Chris Plowe, a malaria expert at the University of Maryland's Center for Vaccine Development and incoming president of the tropical medicine group, said targeting silent infection is key because "if you want to eradicate or eliminate malaria, you have to get rid of all the parasites."

The idea of ending malaria in 20 to 40 years "is faster than most people expect," but a good goal, Plowe said.

POLIO

Gates called polio eradication "my top priority," noting the viral disease remains endemic in three countries—Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. He cited progress: Polio was eliminated in India earlier this year, and as of early September, Nigeria had confirmed only six wild poliovirus cases this year. There is a good chance of getting the polio case count down to zero for the entire continent of Africa, he said.

DENGUE FEVER

The mosquito-borne disease, also known as breakbone fever for the pain it causes, has spread from a few countries a few decades ago to more than 100 today, including the southern United States. An experimental vaccine seems to prevent most severe disease and hospitalizations. Details of a major study on it will be presented at the conference on Monday, and Gates said his foundation would work to build on that work and make a vaccine available to all who need it.

CHIKUNGUNYA

Another mosquito-borne disease, chikungunya causes fever and extremely painful joints. It spread to the Caribbean last year after expanding in Africa and South Asia, and in July, the first locally acquired case in the U.S. was documented in Florida. It's an important field for research and vaccine development, Gates said.

Asia

Suicide attack kills nearly 54 in eastern Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—A suicide bomber detonated explosives near a Pakistani paramilitary checkpoint near the country's eastern border with India on Sunday, killing at least 54 people in the deadliest attack to hit the country in several months, police and government officers said.

The explosion hit near the checkpoint at the Wagah border crossing as hundreds of people were returning from a military parade on the outskirts of Lahore, provincial police chief Mushtaq Sukhera said.

Both the Pakistani and the Indian military conduct daily parades and flag-flying ceremonies on their respective sides of the border. The events draw crowds of hundreds, a number that would rise into the thousands on a weekend like Sunday.

The death toll was likely to rise because over 100 people were wounded, with several in critical condition, Sukhera said.

Police are investigating the bombing, and had intelligence reports in advance that there could be such a blast in the city, he added.

Another Lahore officer, Haider Ashraf, said some paramilitary troops were among the dead and wounded. The paramilitary forces' provincial Director General Tahir Javed said three soldiers died.

Dr. Khurram Shahzad at private Ghurki Trust hospital said that there were 10 women and seven children among the dead, and eight members of a single family. He said several of them had multiple critical wounds.

Live TV footage on private Pakistani news channels showed people drenched in

blood and crying in pain as they were evacuated to hospitals.

At the hospitals, relatives of the dead cried and beat their chests and heads. "My brothers, my two brothers," private Geo News TV showed a man wailing. "They both are dead."

All the officers said they did not know what the target could have been. Javed, the paramilitary official, said the bomber exploded hardly 500 meters away from the checkpoint manned by the paramilitary troops.

Security has been increased in all major Pakistani cities to

thwart possible attacks on minority Shiite Muslims observing Ashura, a 10-day ritual to commemorate the death of Imam Hussain, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad.

But, Haider, the police officer, said there was no such Shiite processions happening in the area where the bombing took place.

Jamatul Ahrar, a splinter group of the Pakistani Taliban, claimed responsibility for the attack. Pakistani Taliban are made up of several local militant groups.

Ahrar was set up some months ago by half a dozen militant com-

manders who previously worked for the outfit but had evolved differences with its chief.

Its spokesman, Ahsanullah Ahsan, said the suicide attack was part of the militants' war against the government and their attempts to enforce their version of Islamic law in the country. "We will continue such attacks," he told an Associated Press reporter by phone from an undisclosed location.

The militants have been waging a war against the state for over a decade, aiming to topple the government, killing thousands of Pakistanis.



FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Two men paint the names of relatives onto a cross at a newly constructed mass grave for 3,000 typhoon Haiyan victims on the grounds of the Holy Cross Cemetery during All Souls Day on Nov. 2, 2014, in Tacloban, Leyte, Philippines. Filipinos descended on cemeteries all across the country to tend to the graves of loved ones on Nov. 1-2 marking All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Residents of Leyte are preparing for the one-year anniversary since Super Typhoon Haiyan struck the coast on Nov. 8, 2013, leaving more than 6,000 dead and many more homeless.

CHRIS MCGRATH/GETTY IMAGES

British man charged in Hong Kong double killing

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong police said Monday that they had charged a British man with killing two women, including one whose body was found inside a suitcase on the balcony of the man's upscale apartment.

Police said the 29-year-old man had asked them to investigate the case early Saturday at the apartment in Hong Kong's Wan Chai nightlife and red light district.

The man appeared in court Monday, and a court document listed his name as Rurik George Caton Jutting and his nationality as British. Local media reports said he worked in the banking industry, and Bank of America Merrill Lynch spokesman Paul Scanlon said Sunday that a person with that name had worked at the bank until recently.

According to a police statement, officers rushed to the man's apartment, where they found an unconscious woman, aged 25-30, with cuts to her neck and buttocks. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

While investigating, police found a suitcase on the balcony containing the body of a dead woman who had sustained neck injuries and had died a few days earlier, the statement said.

A court document said a woman named Sumarti Ningsih was killed Oct. 27, which indicates she was the woman whose body was found in the suitcase. The other woman's name was unknown.

During the brief court appearance, the two murder charges were read to Jutting, who was wearing black pants and a black T-shirt. He was remanded into custody until Nov. 10.

Police said they seized a knife at the apartment, located in Hong Kong's upscale J Residence building, a 40-story apartment tower.

ASIA BRIEFS

Sri Lanka says 5 dead, 33 missing in mudslide

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lanka has confirmed that five people died and 33 remain missing in last week's mudslide at a central tea plantation as authorities continue to struggle to determine how many people were buried. The Disaster Management Center noted in its report Sunday that the figures could change as rescue workers continue to search for bodies in the debris at the Koslanda plantation in Badulla district, about 140 miles (220 kilometers) east of Colombo. Soon after Wednesday's disaster, the center said at least 250 people were missing but it has gradually reduced the number based on police records. However, residents say that as many as 200 people could be missing because the affected area was heavily populated with more than 100 homes, a Hindu temple, playground, shops and two milk collection centers.

Abu Sayyaf militants kill 6 Filipino soldiers

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Abu Sayyaf gunmen on Sunday killed six soldiers who were guarding a road project that has been delayed by militant attacks in an impoverished southern Philippine province, the military said. The soldiers were patrolling the outskirts of a farming village in Sumisop town on the island province of Basilan when about 20 heavily armed Abu Sayyaf fighters opened fire, sparking a 45-minute battle, army Col. Rolando Bautista. At least one soldier also was wounded. It was not immediately clear if there were rebel casualties.

Bangladesh power back on after nationwide blackout

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Power was back on across Bangladesh on Sunday, a day after the impoverished, energy-starved nation was plunged into a nationwide blackout when the transmission line from neighboring India failed, officials said.

The country's energy grid was fully restored, and any further problems that may arise would be for "local reasons," Junior Power Minister Nasrul Hamid told reporters.

The blackout was Bangladesh's most severe since a 2007 cyclone knocked out the national grid for several hours, and once again exposed inefficient and dated infrastructure that has held back development in the South Asian nation.

Hamid would not say what exactly had caused the blackout,

which hit the country around noon Saturday after what some power officials described as a "technical glitch" in the transmission line that caused a cascade of failures throughout the national power grid, with power plants and substations shutting down automatically. For a power grid to work, electricity must be supplied constantly at a rate equal to demand.

"An investigation has been ordered. It could be misleading to talk before getting the findings," Hamid said.

Government officials offered some possible causes. One suggested a Bangladesh substation link to the Indian transmission line may have failed. Two others said there was an unexpected dip in the Indian supply, which at the time accounted for

nearly 10 percent of the grid's 5,000-megawatt load. The three spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

"It was really worrying. The government should find out soon what happened, why it happened," Dhaka schoolteacher Rukhsana Begum said. "Our inefficiency? Bad network? Whatever, it should be unearthed to avoid future disaster."

After an evening spent in the dark, most residents of the capital, Dhaka—a city of more than 10 million people—got electricity back by 1 a.m. Sunday, said Mohammad Nasir Uddin, a control room official for the Dhaka Power Distribution Co. Power was fully restored to all parts of Dhaka and the rest of the country by noon.

World

Islamic State group kills 50 members of Iraqi tribe

BAGHDAD (AP)—Islamic State group extremists lined up and shot dead at least 50 Iraqi men, women and children from the same tribe on Sunday, officials said, in the latest targeting of the group by militants.

The killings, all committed in public, raise the death toll suffered by the Sunni Al Bu Nimr tribe in recent days to some 150, suggesting IS fighters now view them as a threat. Some Sunnis in the volatile province had previously supported the local expansion of IS and other militants in December.

Meanwhile, separate attacks around Baghdad killed at least 19 people, authorities said.

Sunday's attack on the Sunni tribe took place in the village of Ras al-Maa, north of Ramadi, the provincial capital. There, the militant group killed at least 40 men, six women and four children, lining them up and shooting them one by one, senior tribesman Sheikh Naim al-Gaoud told The Associated Press. The militants also kidnapped another 17 people, he said.

An official with the Anbar governor's office corroborated the tribesman's account. He spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to brief journalists.

Late Friday, IS fighters killed 50 members of the tribe, a day



In this file photo taken Monday, June 23, 2014, militants from the Islamic State parade in a commandeered Iraqi security forces armored vehicle on a main street in Mosul, Iraq.

after killing 48 of them, according to various officials who have spoken to the AP.

IS militants have overrun a large part of Anbar province in

a push to expand their territory across Iraq and Syria. Officials with the Iraqi government, as well as officials with the U.S.-led coalition targeting the extremists,

repeatedly have said that Iraqi tribes are key elements in the fight against IS since they are able to penetrate areas inaccessible to airstrikes and ground forces.

However, some Sunnis in Anbar supported the militants when they seized Fallujah and parts of Ramadi in December. That came after widespread

Sunnis protests against the Shiite-led government in Baghdad for what they described as second-class treatment.

Since the Islamic State group's major offensive in Iraq, a number of Iraq's Sunni tribes have been fundamental in stalling its advance, taking up arms and fighting alongside Iraqi security forces.

Ramadi has yet to fall in part because of key Sunni tribes in the city. The Jughai and al-Bunimer tribes have helped Iraqi special forces protect the Haditha Dam in Anbar. In the battleground town of Dhuluiyah, the al-Jabbouri tribe has been the sole resistance to an IS militant takeover.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi and his new government have vowed to create a community-driven national guard that would empower local tribes. Other tribes have not been won over, and have allied themselves with the militant group as a means for contesting the Shiite-led government.

In the vast province of Anbar, some 5,000 tribesmen are backing government efforts to take part in the fight and receive arms and financial compensation. With tribes often numbering 30,000 to 40,000 people, the effort still has a long way to go, however.

Jerusalem on edge in row over contested shrine

JERUSALEM (AP)—This combustible city at the center of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been edging toward a new conflagration, with politicians on both sides stoking religious fervor over an ancient Jerusalem shrine sacred to Muslims and Jews.

After months of escalating violence, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday made his clearest attempt yet to cool tempers, saying he won't allow changes to a long-standing ban on Jewish worship at the Muslim-run site, despite such demands from ultranationalists in his coalition.

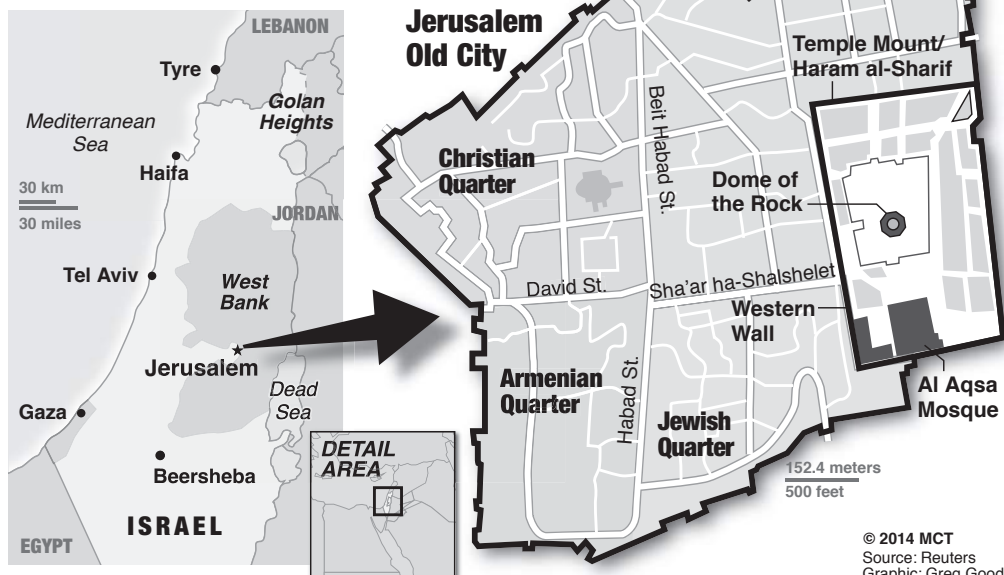
Netanyahu's reassurances to Muslims came just days after the religious feud over the Old City shrine, known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount, threatened to spin out of control.

Israel closed the compound for a day last week, a rare move, after a Palestinian shot and wounded a prominent activist who has campaigned for more Jewish access to the site.

Angered by the closure, Jordan, the custodian of the mosque compound, warned it might seek diplomatic sanctions unless Israel halts what a Jordanian official said were "repeated violations" at the site.

Tensions escalate after Palestinian killed

The Al Aqsa compound, or Temple Mount, was shut down to all visitors as a security precaution. It was the first full closure of the site in 14 years. Clashes erupted when Israeli police shot and killed a Palestinian man suspected of having tried hours earlier to kill a Jewish activist.



The U.S. has urged Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to show restraint.

Feuding over the Old City compound has sparked violence in the past, and both Netanyahu and Abbas seem leery of a new round.

"It is very easy to ignite a religious fire, but much harder to extinguish it," Netanyahu told his Cabinet Sunday.

It remains unclear to what

extent Netanyahu is willing to clash with coalition members lobbying for a greater Jewish presence at the shrine, the holiest in Judaism as the site of former biblical temples. There's growing buzz about early elections, and hardline parties are Netanyahu's natural allies.

On Saturday evening, Housing Minister Uri Ariel of the Jewish Home party, a key coalition partner, ignored appeals

to tone down the rhetoric. At a rally for Yehuda Glick, the rabbi wounded by the Palestinian gunman last week, Ariel was quoted as saying that "the status quo on the Temple Mount will change."

Under that status quo, Muslim authorities reporting to Jordan continued to administer the site, home to the Al-Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques, after east Jerusalem's capture by Israel

in 1967. Jews were allowed to visit, but not to pray there.

Abbas also called for calm. "We hope that this quiet will happen and that the status quo ... at the Al-Aqsa Mosque will be preserved," he said at a meeting of Palestine Liberation Organization members Sunday.

Last month, Abbas urged Palestinians to defend Al-Aqsa "by any means." Israel lambasted this as a call to violence and accused Abbas of incitement, though in Sunday's remarks Netanyahu largely blamed the Jerusalem unrest on Islamic extremists.

Abbas has said repeatedly he would not allow another Palestinian uprising to erupt. His security forces have broken up Al-Aqsa solidarity marches in the West Bank that were organized by his rival, the Islamic militant group Hamas.

Abbas suspects Hamas is trying to stir up unrest over the issue in an attempt to weaken him, his aides have said. Al-Aqsa is Islam's third-holiest site, after Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia.

The wrangling over the shrine comes at a time when a negotiated solution for Jerusalem, claimed by Israelis and Palestinians as a capital, is out of reach. U.S.-led peace talks collapsed earlier this year, and there's not enough common ground between the sides to

warrant resumption.

Netanyahu rejects any withdrawal from east Jerusalem—the area sought by the Palestinians as the capital of a future state. Instead, the Israeli leader is promoting construction for Jews in east Jerusalem, including an announcement last week that plans for more than 1,000 new settlement apartments there would move forward.

Meanwhile, discontent is growing among the city's Palestinians who complain of longstanding discrimination and fear Israel is marginalizing them further with its accelerated settlement drive.

"It will come to a point where it's either us or them in the city," said Fathi Jaber, a Palestinian merchant who sells religious trinkets in the Old City's Muslim Quarter, across from a Jewish settler enclave.

The surge in clashes between Palestinian stone-throwers and Israeli riot police has revived speculation—mainly in the Israeli media—that another Palestinian uprising might erupt, following two attempts since the 1980s to shake off Israeli occupation through protests and armed attacks.

On tense days, the Jerusalem shrine looks like a fortress, ringed by hundreds of Israeli troops with helmets and shields who seal access roads and restrict entrance.

Overdrive

What you need to know about massive air bag recall

DETROIT (AP)—U.S. investigators, automakers and a parts supply company are trying to figure out why some automobile air bags inflate with too much force, blowing apart metal canisters and sending shards flying at drivers and passengers.

So far, more than 12 million vehicles worldwide with air bags made by Japanese parts supplier Takata Corp. have been recalled for the problem. But safety advocates says as many as 25 million vehicles may be equipped with the faulty air bags in the U.S. alone. There have been recalls in Japan, Europe, China and other areas.

Many of the U.S. recalls have been limited to high-humidity areas in the South, but the boundaries of recall zones vary by manufacturer. All of this has confused car owners and even government safety regulators who published incorrect and incomplete lists of recalled models.

Here are some questions and answers about the recalls:

Q: What is the problem here?

A: Chemicals that quickly inflate air bags during a crash are exploding with too much force in Takata air bags made from 2001 to 2011. This blows apart metal canisters around the air bags and sends fragments into passenger compartments.

Q: Has anyone been injured or killed?

A: Safety advocates say there have been four deaths and multiple injuries. The government has reports of three injuries and is investigating.

Q: How can I find out if my car is included?

A: Dozens of models made by BMW, Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, Mazda, Honda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Subaru and Toyota dating to the 2001 model year are covered. You should have received a recall notice from your automaker. Also, you can go to www.safercar.gov and key in your vehicle identification number, which normally is printed on your registration and stamped on the dashboard. That will tell you if your car is being recalled. You can also call your dealer. Honda is a big Takata customer, and has recalled over 5 million vehicles in the U.S. alone.

Q: Why are so many cars involved?

A: Takata makes 22 percent of the world's air bags, according to Valient Automotive Market Research.

Q: Why are some of the recalls just in areas with high humidity?

A: Investigators believe that prolonged exposure to moisture in the air makes the inflator chemicals burn too fast, creating too much pressure. They're still doing tests of inflators replaced by dealers to figure out how much humidity is enough to cause the problem. Depending on the results, the recall areas could be expanded. So far the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration hasn't found any problems outside of the following areas: Florida, Puerto Rico, limited areas near the Gulf of Mexico in Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Louisiana, as well as Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Virgin Islands and Hawaii.

Q: Why doesn't the government just order a national recall?

A: Some lawmakers want one. But NHTSA says so far the problem has been found only in high-humidity areas. Plus, a national recall would divert a limited number of replacement parts from states where regulators say the need is most urgent.

Q: I live outside the recall areas, but the humidity is still high. Is my car safe?

A: This is still under investigation and has some car owners confused and worried. Investigators think they have found a concentration of defective inflators inside the recall zone. Generally the areas covered by the recalls have average annual dew points (the temperature at which moisture condenses out of the air) above 60 degrees. But there are still a lot of humid locations outside those areas. Government data show several Southern cities outside the recall zone with average dew points just a few degrees under 60. Dew points exceed 60 degrees during the summer in many northern cities such as New York and Boston. Scott Hildebrand, a heating and air conditioning contractor in Bluffton, South Carolina, believes that if Toyota is recalling Corollas in Florida, it should recall the two in his driveway near Hilton Head. "There's not much difference in the humidity between here and there," he says. "If somebody in my family got hurt by it, yes, that would be a big problem." Hildebrand is trying to find out if his cars have Takata air bags.

UNDER THE HOOD

Yes, drain that extra motor oil immediately

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q: I got distracted while changing the oil on my 2005 Town & Country 3.8-liter V-6 and put in one more quart than I should have. The dipstick specifically indicates "do not overfill." Is this a real problem? Should I make an attempt to try to drain off the extra quart?

A: Yikes! Drain off that extra quart! Overfull motor oil can allow the crankshaft to strike the oil, whipping it into a viscosity reducing froth. This can lead to a loss of oil pressure and possible engine damage. Some engines are more tolerant of overfill than others, yours is not. I'd recommend drawing the excess oil from the dipstick tube using an appropriate pump or suction device and a skinny tube. This way you can accurately harvest the correct amount of oil and keep it clean for reuse. Draining from the bottom is messy, makes it difficult to estimate quantity, and may allow foreign material to enter the oil—if you plan to reuse it.

Q: Do car mufflers need to have proper back pressure to keep exhaust valves from burning up? (Exhaust rushing too fast through valves). I replaced my '91 Mazda MX5 Miata muffler—its outside measurements were the same as

my old one, but it has a more hollow sound to it, making me think it does not muffle as it should.

A: There may be some truth to the possibility of exhaust valves warping at engine shutoff if an engine's exhaust system is very short and unmuffled. In your case the Miata exhaust system has considerable tubing length, and contains a catalytic converter and the muffler. These components create a somewhat restrictive path and retain considerable heat, making it highly unlikely any cold air will reach the valves at shutoff.

Exhaust backpressure can be a concern, for another reason, as it affects engine breathing and exhaust gas recirculation system function. Some backpressure is desired, as it aids low-rpm torque and allows the proper flow of gases through the EGR system. EGR is the careful metering of exhaust gas into the intake manifold, an emission control method intended to reduce oxides of nitrogen. The small quantity of inert gas takes up space in the combustion chambers that would have been air, reducing combustion temperature to about 2,500 degrees or less. Exhaust system modifications that significantly reduce backpressure may in some cases lead to an emissions test failure or illuminated check engine light/diagnostic trouble code set.

In Celebration of His New Life

† Francisco Quitugua Aguon "TIKU/API"

October 17, 1930 – October 28, 2014

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: †Francisco Pinaula Aguon
†Rosa Dela Cruz Quitugua

Parents In-Law: †Mariano Abad
†Felisa Demata Abad

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws: †Remedio Q. Naog/†Juan Naog
†Jose Quitugua/†Manuela I. Quitugua
†Marcelina A. Pua /†Damian Pua
†Esteban Q. Aguon, †Joaquin Omar

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of His:
Wife: Illuminada Abad Aguon

Children and Families:

Mariano A. Aguon / Rita A. Aguon (Mariano Jr., Henry, Kialani, Ashley, Noah, Kayashlie)
Anthony A. Aguon
Isaac A. Aguon (Josephine, Destyne)
Patricia Rosa A. Aguon / Berny Neth (Nethaniel)

Sister: Angelica A. Omar and family

Brothers and Sisters In-Law:

Linda/Arcenio Padilla
Julie Abad
Luz/William Calong
Honorato/Linda Abad
Sucie/Jimmy Avilla
Josephine Abad

He will be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, godchildren and friends.

Nightly Rosary is being prayed each evening at 7:00pm at Santa Remedios Church, Tanapag.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, November 05, 2014. His remains will be escorted from CHC Morgue at 7:30am to Santa Remedios Church, Tanapag, followed by Responso and Holy Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am. Interment Services will be at Tanapag Cemetery, Saipan where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us In Prayers

Illuminada Abad Aguon, Children and Families

In Loving Memory of † Rosario Mareham Elameto October 24, 1944 to October 28, 2014

Daughter of Antonio Malus Elameto and Rosa Mareham Elameto

She will be greatly missed and forever remembered in the hearts of her:

Children: Isaac E. Ngirbabul, Jr.
– Catherine Weidner (Daughter-in-law)
Michael E. Ngirbabul
Major Sean Elameto, USAF
– Gretchen Elameto (Daughter-in-law)
Gordon E. Ngirbabul

Grandchildren: Zachary Ryan W. Ngirbabul
Shannen N. Weidner
Kyle M. Weidner
Mariah Lynn R. Ngirbabul
Michelle Ikelau R. Ngirbabul
Judy Rose R. Ngirbabul
Dolores Ruemau
Hazel Dianne Ruemau
Finaecia Ruemau
Charlotte Rose "Charo" Elameto

Brothers & Sisters: Jesus M. Elameto
Maria M. Elameto
Manuel M. Rabaulman
Estanislao O. Laniyo

She will also be missed by her numerous uncles, aunties, nephews, nieces, and cousins from the side of Elameto, Malus, Mareham—Basa, Camacho, Deleon Guerrero, Fitial, Flores, Iginoef, Igisaiar, Igisomar, Igitol, Ilisari, Ilo, Itibus, Kaipat, Kaniki, Kapileo, Kileleman, Kotomor, Lairopi, Lifoifo, Limes, Lisua, Litulumar, Lieto, Magofna, Mangarero, Marciano, Mettao, Meluta, Nekai, Nekaifis, Nogis, Norita, Ogarto, Ogumoro, Olopai, Olaitiman, Omar, Peter, Peteg, Pialur, Pua, Rabaulman, Rangamar, Rasiang, Rebueng, Repeki, Reyes, Romolor, Roppul, Ruben, Sablan, Sakisat, Somorang, Satur, Saures, Selepeo, Seman, Tagabuel, Taitano, Taman, Teigita, Teregeyo, Thompson, Urumelag, Villagomez, Warakai, etc.; Fausto Family—Arriola, Aldan, Crisostomo, Kosaka, Palacios, Reyes, Salas, Santos, Shoda, etc.; Santa Maria Family—Aguon, Diaz, Celis, Manibusan, Santos, Aguon, and San Nicolas.

On Wednesday November 5, 2014, viewing will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral, followed by breakfast at the Joeten Daidai Social Hall. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 a.m. immediately followed by interment, lunch will then be serve at the same social hall.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisow and Thank You,

Children & Families

Life & Style

Wallenda completes Chicago skyscraper wire walks

CHICAGO (AP)—Daredevil Nik Wallenda wowed Chicago and the world Sunday with two hair-raising skyscraper crossings on high wires without a safety net or a harness.

Thousands of cheering fans packed the streets around the city's Marina City towers to watch the 35-year-old heir to the Flying Wallendas' family business complete the back-to-back walks, including one wearing a blindfold.

As he stepped from the wire after completing the second leg, he tore off his blindfold and waved to the crowd below that erupted in cheers.

The spectacle was telecast almost-live on the Discovery Channel so producers could cut away if Wallenda fell.

Wearing a bright red jacket, Wallenda tested the tension of the first wire. It took him about six and a half minutes to walk the 454 foot stretch from the Marina City west tower to the top of a building on the other side of the river. The tightrope began at 588 feet from the ground and ended at 671 feet—a 19-degree incline.

"I love Chicago and Chicago definitely loves me," said Wallenda as he walked the

This photo provided by Discovery Communication shows Nik Wallenda walking across the Chicago skyline blindfolded for Discovery Channel's Skyscraper Live with Nik Wallenda on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014.

wire, with the crowd of thousands screaming in support. "What an amazing roar!"

The next stage of Wallenda's high-wire event he undertook blindfolded—a 94-foot walk, 543 feet from the ground, between the two Marina City towers, Chicago landmarks with Hollywood credits. At a fast clip, he made the stretch in little more than a minute.

The Discovery Channel used a 10-second delay for the broadcast, which would have allowed producers to cut away if anything went wrong.

At around 6:40 p.m., just minutes before the anticipated start of his high-wire feat, Wallenda, who lives in Florida, said the chilly conditions in Chicago would not stall him.

"Yes there's some wind, yes it's cool, but it's not unbearable," he said.

Months of preparations have meant helicopters lift-



ing cable to the rooftops, road closures and clearances from the Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Coast Guard. Residents of Marina City have been asked not to use laser pointers, camera flashes or drones that could interfere. Even grilling has

been prohibited.

Chicago city officials ignored a state law requiring safety nets for aerial acts higher than 20 feet, saying the law wasn't intended for "elite" performers like him.

Two of his previous televised tightrope walks—over the brink of Niagara Falls in 2012 and across the Little Colorado River Gorge in 2013—drew about 13 million viewers each.

The Marina City towers have been on screens—Steve McQueen chased a fugitive around the west tower's corkscrew parking ramp in "The Hunter"—and graced the album cover of Wilco's 2002 "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot."

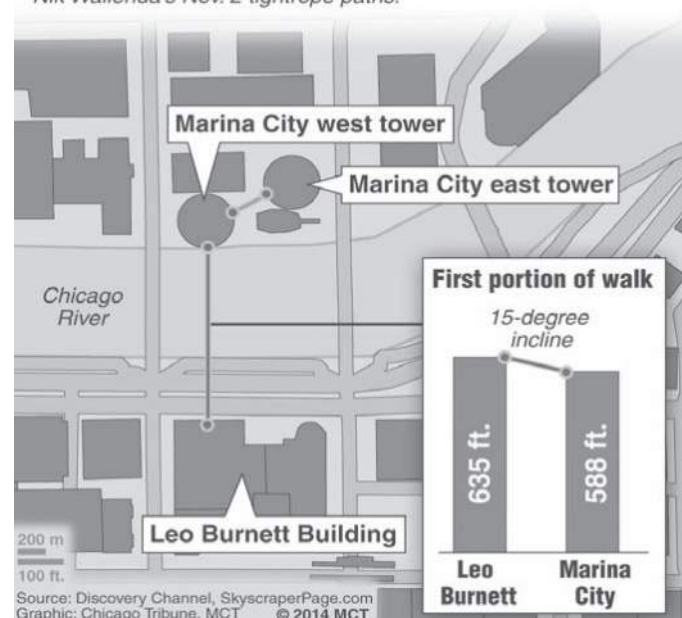
Cynthia Garner traveled 90 miles from Belvidere, Illinois, with her husband Johnny.

"I'm scared of heights," Garner said looking up at the wire.

"The feeling I feel when I look up there is scared for his life," she said. "I'm scared for his life."

Chicago skyline tightrope

Nik Wallenda's Nov. 2 tightrope paths.



Journalists covering Sunday's event signed waivers relinquishing their right to claim emotional distress if they witness a catastrophe.

A year before Wallenda was born, his great-grandfather fell to his death during a tightrope stunt in Puerto Rico. He was 73.

What's next? Wallenda has said he next wants to recreate a 1,200-foot-long high-wire walk made famous by his great-grandfather. Karl Wallenda's stunt at Tallulah Falls Gorge in Georgia included two headstands on the high wire.

'Nightcrawler,' 'Ouija' tie for box office lead

NEW YORK (AP)—In a scary close finish, the Jake Gyllenhaal crime thriller "Nightcrawler" and the board-game adaptation "Ouija" tied for first at the box office with \$10.9 million each over the Halloween weekend.

That was according to estimates Sunday from each film's distributor. Studios can predict a film's Sunday performance with fairly accurate precision. When final figures are announced Monday, one film will likely slightly edge out the other.

For Open Road's low-budget Los Angeles noir "Nightcrawler," it was a strong debut considering its creepy, unconventional protagonist. Gyllenhaal plays an ambulance-chasing man who shoots gory footage for the local news.

The independent, R-rated film was able to capitalize on a weekend the studios were frightened away from. With Halloween falling on a Friday, trick-or-treating cannibalized one of the most lucrative moviegoing nights of the week. Grosses were down 40 percent Friday from the same weekend a year ago, according to box-office tracker Rentrak.

"Most studios know when Halloween falls on a Friday, usually they're not good days," said Universal's distribution

head, Nikki Rocco. "People party. It's a holiday, and it's not a moviegoing holiday."

Open Road's estimate for "Nightcrawler" was technically \$8,760 above Universal's number for "Ouija." But that tiny margin may not hold up when receipts from Sunday are counted. Other studios had "Ouija" as narrowly edging "Nightcrawler."

"We've seen squeakers over the years but this is one of the closest ones I've ever seen," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Rentrak. "It's a testament to the holding power of 'Ouija.'"

Despite the Halloween night impact, "Ouija" dropped only 45 percent after topping the box office last weekend. That's unusually low for a micro-budget horror film, most of which see interest wane considerably after opening. But Universal opened the horror film a weekend ahead of Halloween to give it a two-week window.

The close contest added drama to one of the quietest movie weekends of the year. Overall business was down 25 percent from the prior year. Said Dergarabedian: "The scariest thing about this weekend was that Halloween fell on a Friday."

Next weekend will be a far different story, though, with the

highly anticipated release of Christopher Nolan's sci-fi epic "Interstellar," as well as Disney's animated superhero film "Big Hero 6."

In the meantime, the Brad Pitt World War II tale "Fury" held in third place with \$9.1 million in its third week of release. In its fifth week, the Ben Affleck thriller "Gone Girl" also remained in fourth with an additional \$8.8 million to its \$136.6 million cumulative total to make it the highest grossing release of director David Fincher's career.

1. (tie) "Nightcrawler," \$10.9 million (\$1.4 million international).
1. (tie) "Ouija," \$10.9 million (\$5.7 million international).
3. "Fury," \$9.1 million (\$14.6 million international).
4. "Gone Girl," \$8.8 million (\$15.3 million international).
5. "The Book of Life," \$8.3 million (\$6.1 million international).
6. "John Wick," \$8.1 million (\$6.6 million international).
7. "St. Vincent," \$7.8 million.
8. "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," \$6.5 million (\$1.8 million international).
9. "The Judge," \$3.4 million (\$4.3 million international).
10. "Dracula Untold," \$3 million (\$12.4 million international).

Rowling reveals new tidbits on Pottermore site

LONDON (AP)—Just in time for Halloween, J.K. Rowling has given fans a glimpse of what makes a wicked witch tick.

The creator of boy wizard Harry Potter published a 1,700-word essay Friday revealing the real-life inspiration behind one of her most memorable villains, the supernatural bureaucrat and Hogwarts teacher Dolores Umbridge.

An ice-cold inquisitor dressed in pastel pink, Umbridge first appeared in "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth of seven books in Rowling's multimillion-selling series. She was played by Imelda

Staunton in the film adaptations.

In the essay, published on the Pottermore website, Rowling calls Umbridge "one of the characters for whom I feel purest dislike," and says she is as reprehensible as the saga's arch-villain, Lord Voldemort.

Rowling said Umbridge was inspired by a real person, "whom I disliked intensely on sight," who had a "pronounced taste for twee accessories" including frills, bows and undersized handbags.

Rowling did not disclose the individual's identity, and said she did not share Umbridge's

sadism or bigotry. But, she added, "a love of all things saccharine often seems present where there is a lack of real warmth of charity."

Rowling has said she has no plans to write another Harry Potter book, but she has released nuggets of new material on Pottermore, an online store-cum-treasury of magical information.

Rowling published several other entries on the site Friday, including a history of Azkaban prison and details of everyone who has held the post of Minister for Magic.

At 80, MacLaine comes to terms with work, life

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shirley MacLaine pulled no punches when asked about her take on life at age 80.

“Well, I’m a lot closer to dying,” she said, with a chuckle.

Maybe so, but there still seems to be a lot of life left for both the vibrant woman and her Oscar-winning career.

MacLaine is among the very few octogenarians who still get name-above-the-title billing, which she shares with 84-year-old co-star Christopher Plummer in the big-screen dramedy “Elsa & Fred,” the upcoming

American remake of the 2005 foreign-language favorite.

“I had seen the Argentinian film,” MacLaine said in a recent interview. “Loved it,” she continued. “Loved the relationship between the two. Older people falling in love was really attractive to me.”

At first glance, MacLaine’s Elsa is merely the nutty neighbor to Plummer’s Fred, who has pretty much given up on living in the wake of his wife’s recent passing.

But there’s a lot more to Elsa than Fred, or the film’s viewers,



MacLaine

see coming. Getting specific would spoil the surprises, but

it’s safe to say that moviegoers should take what Elsa says with a grain of salt.

“She really did lie about everything,” MacLaine revealed.

But little matter, as it’s what Elsa does that’s of greater importance, as it re-introduces Fred to “La Dolce Vita”—both the classic Fellini movie, and, for real, its English translation, “the sweet life.”

No doubt, the character looming largest over MacLaine’s career and persona is the feisty, fiercely protective Aurora Gre-enway from the 1983 block-

buster “Terms of Endearment.”

“Adore her,” MacLaine said. “Would like her on my tombstone. Loved her. My favorite part.”

It’s ironic that, after more than a quarter-century making movies, playing Aurora finally earned her the best-actress Oscar because, MacLaine said, it wasn’t really acting.

“I’m kind of like her,” she explained. “That’s the closest I’ve come to being like a character. I mean, I don’t know, frankly, how difficult it was to play her. I think I just played myself.”

When asked if she’s had la dolce vita, MacLaine said, “I can’t imagine a better life. I’ve sat back and looked at it and thought, ‘Oh, my. What haven’t I done?’”

“I can’t think of anything except I’d like to live on a wild-animal farm,” she continued. “I’d like to live as though I’m on safari in Africa, maybe permanently, and get to know those animals. But as far as my work and stuff, I’ve done everything. I just want to keep on doing what I’m doing.”

“Elsa & Fred” opens in U.S. theaters Nov. 7.

Usher’s son tells him: You’re not a great singer

NEW YORK (AP)—One of Usher’s sons studies his dance moves meticulously, while the other has said to the Grammy-winning star: “You’re not a great singer.”

Usher says his son Nayvid Ely Raymond, who turns 6 in December, isn’t impressed with the multiplatinum singer.

“He doesn’t care about what I do as much. ... He’s like, ‘I’m the star. Who are you? You sing?’” Usher said in a recent interview.

“He told me the other day, he says, ‘You’re not a great singer,’” Usher, 36, continued with a laugh. His reply to his son: “What? I’m a great singer!”

Usher said his son named after him, who turns 7 next month, has taken to his father’s dance talents.

“When seeing me perform on tour in the past ... and most of the time it’s past his bedtime, but he’s just sitting there studying every move, every second, like laser focus,” he said of Usher Raymond V. “And then I’ll see him off by himself doing the moves.”

Usher will showcase his sharp choreography on his UR Experience World Tour, which kicks off Saturday in

Montreal. He said the tour was influenced by live shows he’s seen from U2, Bruce Springsteen and Frankie Beverly.

“There’s this connection and that is what gave the inspiration for this show,” he said of the veteran acts.

He will play many of his hits, from “U Remind Me” to “Yeah!” to “OMG,” on his first tour in three years. He will also play instruments.

“I may be playing the drum sometimes. I may be playing the bass,” he said. “We may have a reprise on a song that you know and you enjoy for, who knows, eight to 10 minutes.”

Usher, who released two singles this year, is currently working on his eighth album. Apart from music, he says he would like to do more movies and enjoyed his stint on NBC’s “The Voice” because was able to stress the seriousness of artist development.

“This is something that was very, very important when I came up as an artist and is probably the reason why 20 years later, I am making music and performing and excited about doing it,” he said.

Q&A: ‘Interstellar’ filmmaker Nolan on his robots

By **DERRIK J. LANG**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In his secrecy-shrouded sci-fi extravaganza “Interstellar,” filmmaker Christopher Nolan isn’t just taking audiences to outer space. He’s also sending a couple of robots along for the ride—and they’re just not on board to sweep the floors.

“The idea was that they’d been designed to put humans at ease during extended periods of time,” said “Interstellar” screenwriter Jonathan Nolan. “They were originally conceived as Marines and programmed to engender the kind of comradery that a Marine would, so they’ve been programmed with a sense of humor and variable levels of honesty.”

The sleek grey ‘bots, which can be briefly glimpsed in the movie’s trailers, are walking-and-talking rectangular slabs of shiny metal that operate like a cross between a Swiss army knife and an iPhone. Their blocky fragments can disconnect and rotate to perform a variety of actions, from pushing buttons to cartwheeling across alien planets. (Paramount declined to provide images of the characters for this story.)

In “Interstellar,” out next Wednesday, a particularly acerbic robot named TARS (portrayed by Bill Irwin) accompanies a team of astronauts led by Matthew McConaughey’s pilot Cooper to find humankind a new home after an ecological disaster wrecks Earth.

“If anything, he’s the one Cooper gets along with the most out of anyone up there,” said McConaughey.

In an interview with The Associated Press, “Interstellar” writer-director Christopher Nolan discussed his vision of the robots, their artificial intelligence and importance to the film’s story:

AP: You have robots in this movie. What did you hope to achieve with those characters?

Nolan: I wanted a more realistic approach to what a robot would be. I didn’t even call them robots in the script. I referred to them as “articulated machines” because I wanted my crew and everybody to stop thinking of your standard idea

of a robot. I wanted to have a machine in the film that was like a piece of gear—very tough, very resilient—that had been designed for whatever purpose best suited it.

AP: How did you approach the design of TARS? He’s different from other robots we’ve seen in film.

Nolan: As we pushed the concept further, it became a very minimalist appearance that disguises very complex functionality. My idea was to remove any trace of anthropomorphism, so it doesn’t have

a face. It doesn’t have arms and legs. It does have a voice, and therefore a personality. The great Bill Irwin, who was puppeteering and voicing TARS, was able to give an inanimate, non-human object a personality.

AP: For their shape, were you inspired by the monolith from “2001: A Space Odyssey”?

Nolan: I think, in its science fiction context, inevitably your mind goes to that—and that’s

fine by me. Definitely, the spirit of “2001” hangs over the film. It was one of our aspirations to pay homage to that film. It also relates strongly to the architecture of Mies van der Rohe. As we honed in on the idea, I asked my designer (Nathan Crowley), who’s a very big fan of modern architecture: What if we designed a robot as if Mies van der Rohe designed a robot? I think he really nailed it.

AP: The robots actually help drive the story forward. How important was that to you?

Nolan: In my brother’s draft, he was really into robots and artificial intelligence. What I wound up focusing on was the issue of why you need human beings on this mission. The robots are presented as being physically superior to humans and able to lift heavier things and follow orders perfectly. We kept coming back to the idea of intuition, human adaptability and innovation. That’s driven by a survival instinct, which a robot can’t have. That makes the robots very important in the story. They take on their own incredible personalities, but they’re not human. They keep you thinking about what it means to be human.



Nolan

Woman’s childhood boyfriend is plagued by checkered past

DEAR ABBY: I’m in love with a man with a big heart. He was my boyfriend when we were both 6 years old. We lost touch for many years, but when I ran into him again we reconnected with a vengeance. We are great together, and I can’t imagine spending my life with anyone else.

We come from a small town, and he remained there until a year ago when he moved in with me. We now live in a major city and things are very different here. Applying for jobs requires a background check. In the small town we are from, it wasn’t a common practice. He was, to put it gently, quite “mischievous” when he was younger. He has a couple of DUIs, plus a few other things.

During the past year he has turned things around, but despite his efforts he has been unable to find work. (He has no felonies.) There are websites to assist felons, but none to assist people like him. He has been to unemployment and temp agencies—nothing. I’m getting desperate. How does someone with a criminal history find employment?

FEELING HELPLESS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR FEELING HELPLESS: That’s a good question, and it’s one that legislators have been looking into. Some laws in certain jurisdictions limit an employer’s ability to look at criminal records. It might be worth your while to discuss this with a labor lawyer in your state to find out what the statutes are,

because it is not the same in all states. While it might not solve your problem, it will give you a realistic idea of what the two of you are facing in the future.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my dear husband for 20 years. Several years after our wedding, I found out he was dipping chewing tobacco. I was very upset because I realized he had been keeping a major secret from me. He has tried to quit several times, but starts up again.

It makes me furious every time I see proof of this disgusting habit. I have had to lie to my kids when evidence was left in his truck. I’m at my wits’ end. I know he will quit only when he is ready, but how do I live with it?

UNHAPPY ABOUT IT IN TEXAS

DEAR UNHAPPY: People who are addicted to chewing tobacco are at risk for cancers of the mouth, tongue and throat. I would be shocked if your husband’s dentist hasn’t discussed this with him more than once, because these cancers can be not only disfiguring but also life-threatening, IF the patient can be saved.

There are medical interventions to help people who are hooked on tobacco—but only if they WANT to be tobacco-free. An online community, TheQuit.org, offers information

DEAR ABBY

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on helping someone stop chewing tobacco. Check it out.

My advice for living with an addict is to join a support group. It will help you recognize that you can’t “fix” your husband. He and he alone is responsible for his own fate.

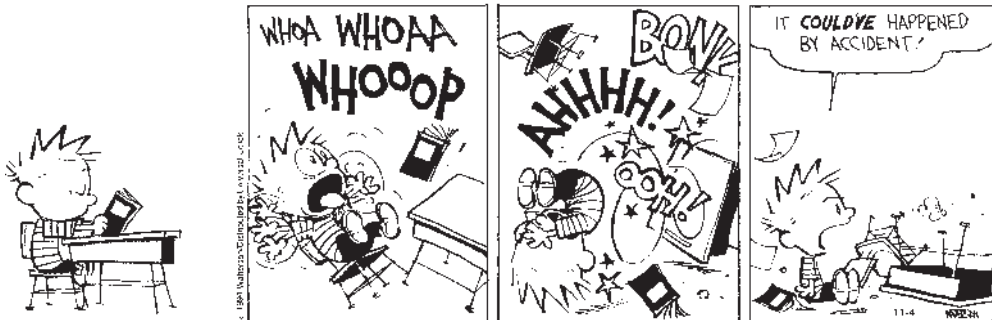
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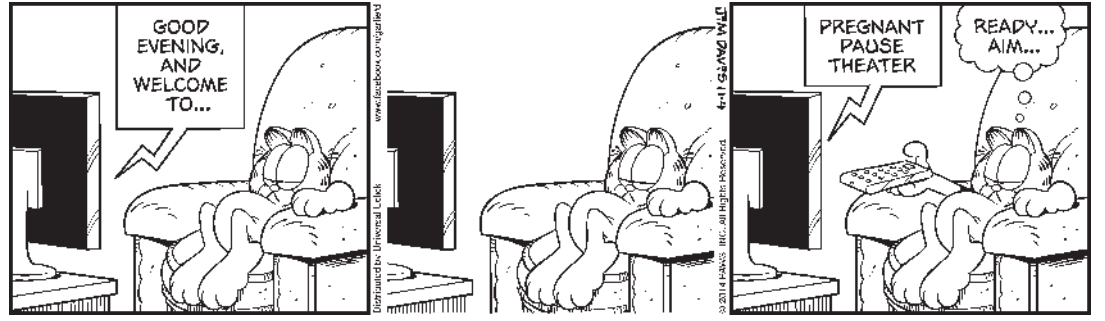
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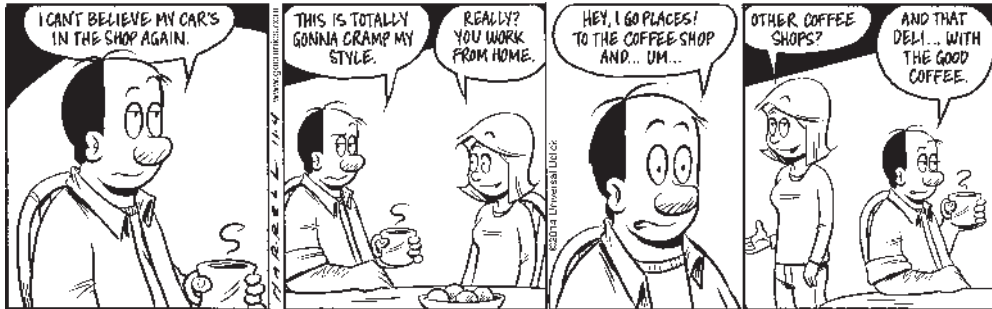
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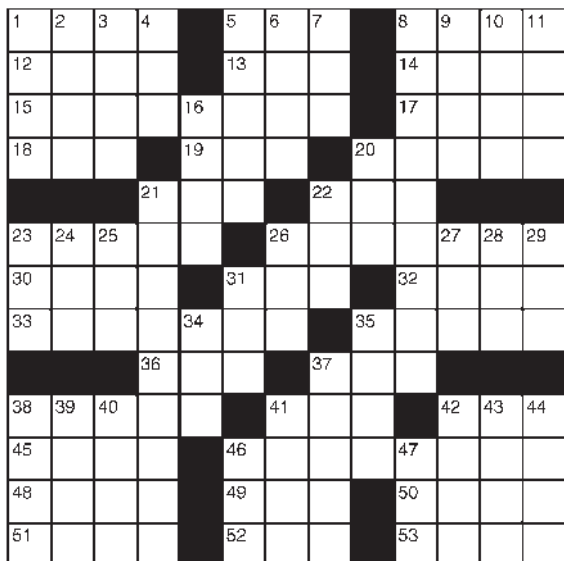
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- 15 Much-used thoroughfare
- 17 Tittle
- 18 Santa —, Calif.
- 19 "— Town"
- 20 Cancel
- 21 Wife's address, maybe
- 22 "See ya"
- 23 First-stringers
- 26 Protective escorts
- 30 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 31 "Monkey suit"
- 32 A Great Lake
- 33 Counter-top appliance
- 35 Klutzy
- DOWN**
- 1 Porridge-making bear
- 2 Persia, now
- 3 Sci-fi princess
- 4 Quarterback
- 5 Malware product
- 6 Hebrew month
- 7 Yule quaff
- 8 Ring feature
- 9 Black, in verse
- 10 Fonteyn's frill
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- 16 Campus quarters
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- 21 Big computer
- 22 Compete in 8-
- 23 Priest's vestment
- 24 Part of AT&T
- 25 Prior night
- 26 Scoundrel
- 27 Raw rock
- 28 Shriek bark
- 29 Congeal
- 31 Cowboy nickname
- 34 Buck's mate
- 35 PC picture
- 37 Get up
- 38 React in horror
- 39 Catch sight of
- 40 "Hud" actress
- 41 Slowly disappear
- 42 Obnoxious one
- 43 Erstwhile Peruvian
- 44 Active group
- 46 Unruly group
- 47 VIP in China's history

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider your motives before you ask for something that may be unreasonable. You stand a better chance of getting what you want if you are willing to give something in return. Offering an incentive can make your plans move forward faster. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may want to look into upgrading your skills or discussing opportunities with your colleagues or boss. An opportunity to make a move that will help you explore new avenues is apparent. Don't settle for less when you can have more. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen carefully, but don't make financial, medical or legal decisions until you see enough proof that you are making the best choice. Nothing is as it appears, and time is on your side. A home improvement project will make your life easier. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Refrain from making changes based on what others do or say. Trust your own judgment and believe in your abilities. A romantic adventure will help you revitalize an important relationship that can be so much more. Choose equality over giving up. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't give in to depression when you have so much going for you. Expand your interests and visit destinations that provide hope and offer you incentives. Don't let anyone or anything drag you down. You have what it takes to excel. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Community events will be exhilarating. Express your thoughts, and the changes you want to make will draw some people in and push others away. It will be a quick way to weed out who you want or don't want in your life. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotions will spin out of control, disrupting your day. Try to get along with everyone and step away from anyone looking for a fight. An intelligent approach and generous, well-meaning people will keep you out of harm's way. ★★★

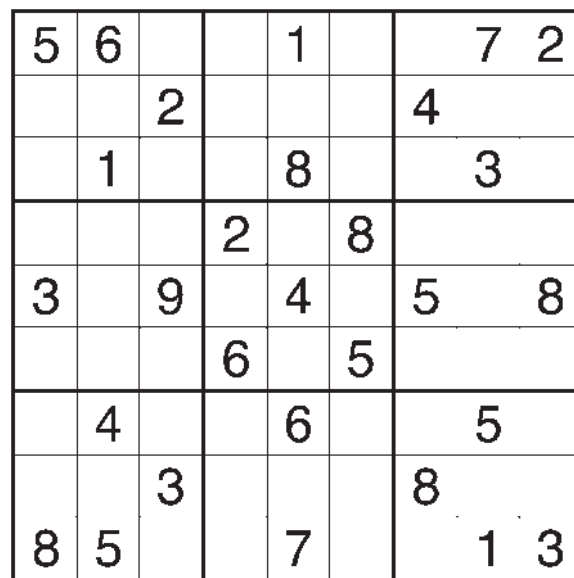
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't give in to big talkers trying to sell you something you don't need. Focus on home and conserving rather than spending and adding to your stress. Uncertainty regarding a job is best treated cautiously. Look for ways to lower your overhead. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can raise your standard of living if you make the right moves. Opportunity knocks and travel or relocation can play a role in what you learn, gain or change to improve your lifestyle and future prospects. ★★★★★

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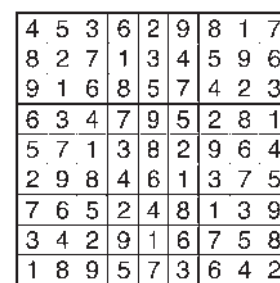
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Indecision will strike if someone puts pressure on you. Back away and take a moment to figure out how you want to handle what's going on around you. Being productive and doing the best job possible should be your main concern. ★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look at potential opportunities and partnerships, but don't make a commitment until you have had a chance to consider doing your own thing. Don't fold under pressure or you will lose equality as well as control. Protect your health. ★★★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look for a deal or draw up an agreement. Negotiate and take control of whatever situation develops. You have more going for you than you realize. Put your plans in motion. Celebrate your win with someone you love. ★★★

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Brady outduels Manning in Patriots romp

FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts (AP)—The chant began midway through the fourth quarter with the latest matchup between the all-time great quarterbacks long ago decided: “Brady’s Better.”

On this day, Tom Brady and his New England Patriots certainly were the superior team, routing Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos 43-21 on Sunday to grab the best record in the AFC.

Brady outdueled Manning in the 16th installment of their rivalry and is 11-5 against Manning. He threw for four touchdowns and Julian Edelman returned a punt 84 yards for a score.

In his 200th career start, Brady passed for 333 yards. He has won 155 of those, the most for any quarterback in that many starts.

“He has always set a real high bar for how to play and I have tried to do the same through my efforts with my team,” said Brady, who owns three Super Bowl rings to one for Manning. “The only thing I really care about is the respect from my team, going out there and trying to earn it.”

After 15 seasons that almost certainly will earn him Hall of Fame recognition, Brady, 37 has that respect. He also has that mastery over Manning, who fell to 2-7 at Gillette Stadium even though he threw for 438 yards and two touchdowns. He has at least two TD passes in 14 consecutive games, an NFL record.

“Well, I don’t usually stink, but I stunk today,” said Manning, 38, who broke into the NFL in 1998, two years before Brady. “I don’t make any excuses.”

The two touchdown passes increased Manning’s total to 515. He broke Brett Favre’s record of 508 earlier in the season.

The game wasn’t particularly competitive after the first quarter, which Denver completed in front 7-3.

New England (7-2) scored the next 24 points on the way to winning its fifth straight, halting the four-game winning streak for Denver (6-2) in emphatic fashion. Brady has 18 TD passes and one interception in those five victories.

Brady connected with Edelman and Shane Vereen on 5-yard scoring passes in the second quarter, with Brandon LaFell from 10 yards and with Rob Gronkowski from the 1 in the second half.

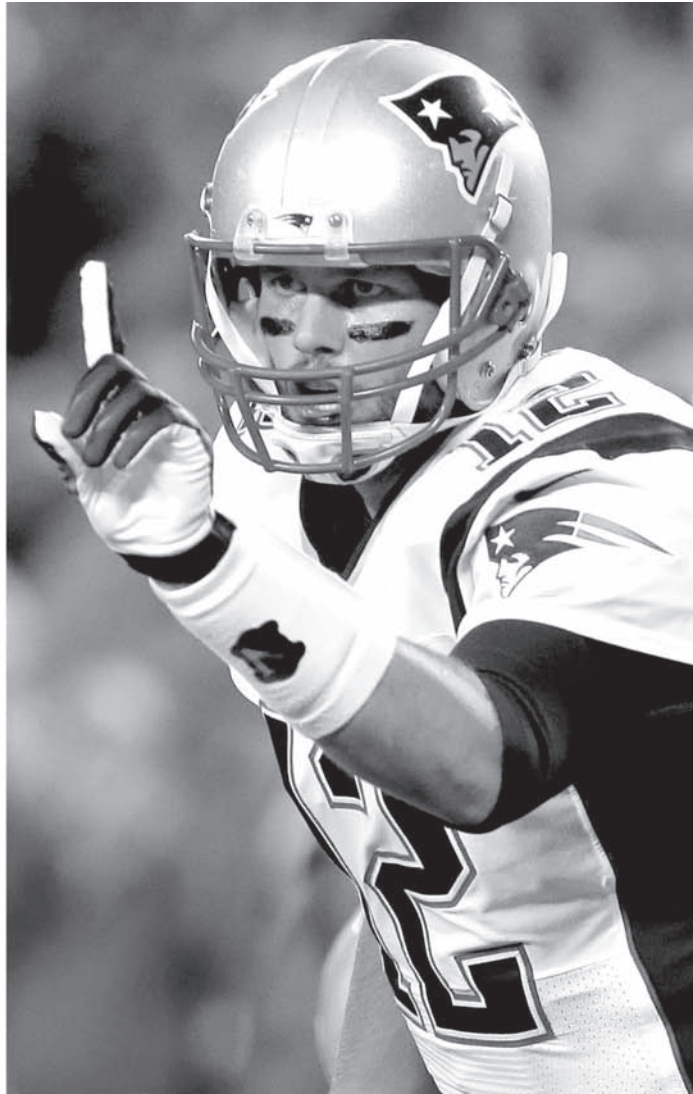
Cardinals 28, Cowboys 17

In Arlington, Carson Palmer had three touchdown passes after an early interception the Cowboys returned for a score, and the Dallas offense struggled without the injured Tony Romo in a loss to Arizona.

The Cardinals (7-1), who



In an Oct. 23, 2014, file photo, Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning calls a play against the San Diego Chargers during the first half of an NFL football game in Denver. At right, in a Sept. 29, 2014, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady points on the line of scrimmage during the first quarter of an NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs in Kansas City, Mo.



have sole possession of the best record in the NFC for the first time since 1974, won their fourth straight. They have beaten all five conference opponents.

Romo was out with his third back injury in 18 months, and backup Brandon Weeden threw two interceptions as the Cowboys (6-3) dropped their second straight after a six-game winning streak.

NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray’s record streak of eight straight 100-yard games to start the season for Dallas ended against a defense that didn’t allow a back over the century mark for the 18th consecutive time. He rushed for 79 yards on 19 carries.

Rams 13, 49ers 10

In Santa Clara, Colin Kaepernick fumbled at the goal line with 2 seconds remaining as St. Louis sacked the San Francisco quarterback eight times on the way to an upset over the 49ers.

The Rams recovered, and the play was reviewed and upheld. The 49ers (4-4) had first-and-goal at the 1, but struggled in the red zone and failed to capitalize on consecutive penalties by Trumaine Johnson as he defended Michael Crabtree.

Greg Zuerlein kicked a go-ahead 39-yard field goal for the Rams (3-5) with 5:25 left.

San Francisco got the ball back at its 12 with 3:11 remaining. Kaepernick completed long passes to Stevie Johnson and Anquan Boldin in the final drive.

Steelers 43, Ravens 23

In Pittsburgh, Ben Roethlisberger threw for 340 yards and six scores to set an NFL record for most touchdown passes in consecutive games.

A week after passing for a franchise-record six touchdowns against Indianapolis, Roethlisberger duplicated the feat as Pittsburgh (6-3) earned its third consecutive win. Roethlisberger’s 12 touchdown passes over the last two games broke the mark of 11 set by Tom Flores for Oakland in 1963 and matched by New England’s Tom Brady in 2007.

Antonio Brown caught 10 passes for 138 yards and a score. Rookie Martavis Bryant hauled in two scoring receptions and has five touchdowns in three games.

Joe Flacco passed for 303 yards with two touchdowns and an interception, but the Ravens (5-4) were undone by a sloppy second quarter.

Eagles 31, Texans 21

In Houston, Mark Sanchez replaced the injured Nick Foles and threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns to lead Philadelphia over Houston.

Foles injured his left shoulder late in the first quarter, forcing Sanchez into his first action since 2012 with the Jets. He threw two interceptions in three quarters, but made throws when he had to.

The Eagles (6-2) led by 3 when Jeremy Maclin grabbed a low throw from Sanchez for an 8-yard touchdown to make it

31-21 with about four minutes remaining.

Maclin finished with two touchdowns and 158 yards receiving and LeSean McCoy had 117 yards rushing.

Ryan Fitzpatrick threw for 203 yards with two touchdowns and an interception for Houston (4-5).

Seahawks 30, Raiders 24

In Seattle, Marshawn Lynch rushed for two first-half touchdowns, and Bruce Irvin tipped and intercepted Derek Carr’s pass and returned it 35 yards for another score as Seattle beat Oakland.

After a tumultuous previous month, the Seahawks (5-3) won their second straight behind a strong first half, three field goals from Steven Hauschka and a defense that made Carr look like a rookie much of the afternoon.

Not all was perfect for Seattle. Russell Wilson struggled through one of his worst passing games and the Seahawks failed to capitalize on numerous chances to rout the winless Raiders.

Seattle led 24-3 at halftime only to see the Raiders score on a blocked punt for a touchdown and two Mychal Rivera TD catches to pull within six in the final minutes.

Lynch finished with 67 yards rushing and another 76 receiving as the Seahawks handed Oakland (0-8) its 14th straight loss dating to last season.

Bengals 33, Jaguars 23

In Cincinnati, Jeremy Hill ran

for a career-high 154 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including a 60-yarder in the fourth quarter that helped Cincinnati hold on for a victory over Jacksonville.

Andy Dalton threw a pair of touchdown passes, one of them to A.J. Green in the Pro Bowl receiver’s return from a toe injury, but also had a pair of interceptions that kept it close.

The Jaguars (1-8) turned Dalton’s second interception into Denard Robinson’s 5-yard touchdown run, cutting it to 26-23. Hill broke his 60-yard touchdown run on Cincinnati’s next play from scrimmage.

Rookie Blake Bortles, who leads the NFL in interceptions, helped the Bengals (5-2-1) seal it by throwing an interception to George Iloka in the end zone with 3:55 left.

Bortles was 22 of 33 for 247 yards with a pair of touchdown passes to Allen Hurns.

Chiefs 24, Jets 10

In Kansas City, Alex Smith threw for 199 yards and two touchdowns, and Jamaal Charles ran for another score as Kansas City sent New York to its eighth straight loss.

Tight ends Travis Kelce and Anthony Fasano each caught touchdown passes, and the Chiefs (5-3) won their third straight and fifth in six games on the same day former running back Priest Holmes was inducted into their ring of honor.

Making his first start with the Jets (1-8), Michael Vick was 21 of 27 for 196 yards and a touchdown. He briefly left in

the fourth quarter after taking a massive hit from the Chiefs’ Josh Mauga and walking unsteadily off the field, but eventually returned later in the quarter.

Vikings 29, Redskins 26

In Minneapolis, Teddy Bridgewater outplayed Robert Griffin III down the stretch after a rough start and Matt Asiata ran for three scores as the Vikings spoiled Griffin’s return to the Redskins with a victory.

Bridgewater completed 26 of 42 passes for 268 yards for the Vikings (4-5), who sacked Griffin five times.

Griffin went 18 for 28 for 251 yards, one touchdown and one interception for the Redskins (3-6), who lost three leads despite 92 yards and two touchdowns rushing by Alfred Morris and 120 yards receiving from DeSean Jackson.

This was a rough day for the Redskins, starting with a crash between their two buses on the way to the stadium.

Browns 22, Buccaneers 17

In Cleveland, Brian Hoyer threw a 34-yard TD pass to Taylor Gabriel with 8:59 remaining, helping Cleveland complete a favorable stretch of its schedule with a win over Tampa Bay.

Cleveland was trailing 17-16 when Hoyer completed his second TD pass. Hoyer finished 21 of 34 for 300 yards, two TDs and two interceptions. He improved to 8-3 as Cleveland’s starter.

The Browns (5-3) have their best record at the midway point since 2007 when they won 10 and barely missed the playoffs. Cleveland went 2-1 the past three weeks against Jacksonville, Oakland and Tampa Bay, who entered a combined 2-19.

Tampa Bay’s Mike Glennon threw a pair of 24-yard TDs to rookie Mike Evans for the Buccaneers (1-7), who have lost four in a row and five this season by six points or less.

Dolphins 37, Chargers 0

In Miami Gardens, Ryan Tannehill threw for 288 yards and three scores as Miami forced four turnovers to rout San Diego.

Tannehill went 24 for 34 and threw touchdown passes to Charles Clay, Rishard Matthews and Jarvis Landry. San Diego’s Philip Rivers threw three interceptions, two to Brent Grimes, and was sacked three times.

The Dolphins (5-3) earned their third consecutive victory. The Chargers (5-4) lost their third game in a row and remain winless in South Florida since January 1982.

Every Miami victory this season has been by double digits, and this was the most lopsided yet. San Diego was shut out for the first time since 1999, and the Dolphins earned their first shut-out since 2006.

Carmelo reaches milestone in Knicks win



NEW YORK (AP)—On a night when he joined the NBA's 20,000-point club, Carmelo Anthony scored 28 points, including the go-ahead basket with 1:23 remaining, and the New York Knicks edged the Charlotte Hornets 96-93 on Sunday night.

Al Jefferson had 21 points and Gary Neal added 17 points off the bench for the Hornets (1-2), who lost their second straight.

Charlotte's guard Michael Kidd-Gilchrist fell awkwardly late in the first quarter and did not return to the game. According to the Hornet's spokesman, Kidd-Gilchrist was taken to a New York City area hospital for a CT scan that revealed he suffered a rib contusion.

Amar'e Stoudemire had 17 points off the bench for the Knicks (2-1), who won their second straight. Iman Shumpert added 15 points.

With 2:49 remaining in the fourth quarter after Charlotte's Kemba Walker scored on a reverse lay-up to extend the Hornets' lead to 93-90. After a turnover by Lance Stephenson, Knicks backup point guard Pablo Prigioni found an open Shumpert, who hit a 3-pointer with 2:06 left, to even the game 93-all.

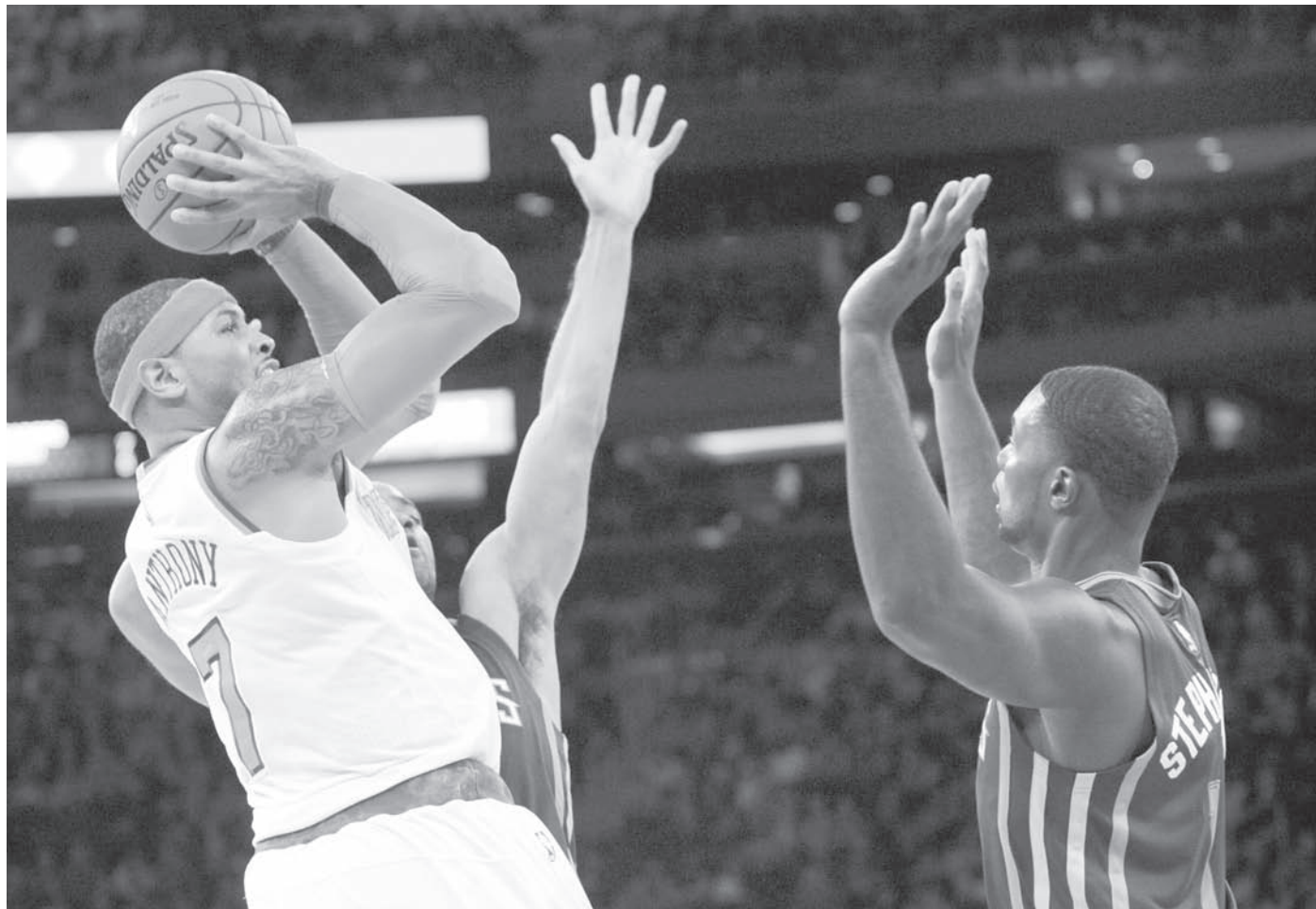
Walker then missed a layup with 1:42, setting up Anthony's 15-foot jumper gave the Knicks the lead for good, 95-93.

Walker, the New York city product who had 14 points, had a chance to tie the game with three seconds left in the game but missed on a contested pull up jumper. Anthony then sealed New York's win with a free throw that extended the lead, 96-93.

Anthony, a seven-time All-Star, who started off the night with 19,997 points, notched his 19,999th point after hitting a basket in the opening seconds of the game. With 7:42 remaining in the opening quarter, point guard Shane Larkin found an open Anthony on the wing for a 3-pointer, becoming the 40th player in league history to score over 20,000 points in their careers.

After being benched during the final stretch of Saturday night's home loss to Memphis, Stevenson, who starred at Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, was back in the lineup for coach Steve Clifford, who said he had spoken to the team's prized offseason acquisition about his decision to bench him against Memphis.

Prior to tip-off, Knicks coach Derek Fisher said forward Andrea Bargnani had been doing better with his recuperation from a right hamstring injury and expects for the former number 1 overall pick to return "soon" but not until perhaps next week.



Heat 107, Raptors 102

In Miami, Chris Bosh scored 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as Miami beat Toronto for the 16th straight time.

Dwyane Wade added 19 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Heat (3-0), who are the last unbeaten team in the Eastern Conference. Luol Deng scored 18, Shawne Williams added 16, and Mario Chalmers finished with 12 for Miami.

DeMar DeRozan scored 30 points for Toronto (2-1), which hasn't beaten Miami since Jan. 27, 2010.

Kyle Lowry added 22 points, including a layup that got the Raptors within four with 21 seconds left. Jonas Valanciunas scored 14, and Greivis Vasquez finished with 12 for Toronto, which was out-rebounded 43-28.

Miami led by as many as 16 late in the third quarter before the Raptors came roaring back, starting with a 6-0 run to close the third and get within 10. Toronto got within six twice midway through the fourth, before Shawne Williams made a pair of big plays for Miami.

He tipped in a missed 3-point try by Mario Chalmers for an eight-point lead and after DeRozan's 3-pointer with 5:23 left got Toronto within five, he answered with a 3 of his own from the left corner to restore Miami's cushion.

Lowry had a chance to get Toronto within five again when he was fouled on a 3-pointer with about 2 minutes left, but missed two of the three tries. The Raptors missed 15 free throws on the night, after missing a total of 16 in their first two games.

"At the defensive end, it's from start to finish," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "You don't just guard for 23 seconds. You guard for 24 and then come

up with the rebound. We're not doing that right now."

Kings 98, Clippers 92

In Los Angeles, DeMarcus Cousins had 34 points and 17 rebounds, and Rudy Gay added 25 points as Sacramento handed the poor-shooting Los Angeles Clippers their first loss.

The Kings (2-1) rallied from a 10-point deficit in the third quarter and outscored the Clippers 28-18 in the fourth. They took the lead for good on a layup by Gay with just under six minutes to play.

Blake Griffin and Spencer Hawes both scored 17 points to lead five Clippers in double figures. Chris Paul had 16 points and 11 assists, J.J. Redick had 12 points, and Jordan Farmar 10.

The Clippers (2-1) struggled for the third straight game, shooting 33 of 88. They were 9 of 31 from 3-point range, with Matt Barnes, Paul and Redick combining to miss a slew in the fourth.

Sacramento's Darren Collison scored 14 points in his first game against his former team.

The Clippers led by two early in the fourth, when their second unit got things going. But the starters returned and couldn't make a difference.

Cousins scored the Kings' first eight points of the game, and he had 11 points in the third when they cut a 10-point deficit to four heading into the fourth.

Sacramento's Ben McLemore received a flagrant-1 for pulling Griffin down from behind midway through the first. Griffin was on a breakaway when McLemore yanked on his jersey, sending Griffin to the court, where he landed at McLemore's feet near the basket support. Cousins was trailing on the play, and the referees quickly moved

in to separate the players.

Warriors 95, Trail Blazers 90

In Portland, Klay Thompson

scored 29 points, including a go-ahead jump shot with 8.7 seconds left, as the Golden State Warriors defeated the Trail Blazers.

SIDEBAR

Amidst trade demands, Kobe remains loyal to Lakers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — With the Los Angeles Lakers still searching for their first victory of the season, Kobe Bryant's quest for a sixth NBA championship has never appeared more difficult. Bryant, however, isn't ready to start issuing trade demands.

"I hear the chatter of Kobe should ask out and he should go and play for a contender in this latter stage of his career," Bryant said. "But that's not what I do. I'm extremely loyal to the Lakers. I believe in fighting through the tough times as well as enjoying the good times. It's my responsibility to get us to be the best that we can be. It's important that we approach that on a day-to-day basis."

The Lakers' 0-4 start is their worst since they also went 0-4 to begin the 1957-58 season, back when the franchise was in Minneapolis. Their upcoming schedule also won't afford them any easy opportunities with games against the Phoenix Suns, Charlotte Hornets and Memphis Grizzlies.

Lakers guard Steve Nash is ruled out for the season because of a nagging back injury. First-round pick Julius Randle broke his right leg in the opener and is out for the season. The Lakers are also playing without Nick Young and Ryan Kelly, who have injuries.

"We can't get discouraged by it," Bryant said. "It's a very long season. You just have to

stay the course. Keep on looking to improve, keep on looking to get better and things will eventually break. "I've enjoyed a great amount of success here. You can't just enjoy the successful times and then run away from the bad ones. No, I don't even think about [departing]. I'm a Laker."

Bryant's contract (he makes \$23.5 million this season and \$25 million next season) and age (36) would likely limit the Lakers' trade opportunities. In 2007, Bryant asked for a trade after the Lakers' front office failed to make any strong moves to improve the franchise. He dropped his trade request after the Lakers acquired Pau Gasol in a trade and they followed by advancing to the 2008 NBA Finals. This time, Bryant wasn't upset with the fruitless free agency for the Lakers this past offseason.

Carmelo Anthony appeared to be the biggest potential free-agent acquisition, but he opted to return to the New York Knicks. LeBron James left the Miami Heat to return home to the Cleveland Cavaliers and didn't take the Lakers seriously. The Lakers also lost Gasol to the Chicago Bulls.

"It was really tough to land those free agents just because of the opportunities that they had," Bryant said. "You got 'Melo going back to New York, LeBron going back home to Cleveland. The odds

^{AP}
New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony (7) attempts a shot as he is guarded by Charlotte Hornets' Gerald Henderson and Lance Stephenson, right, during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014, at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Knicks won 96-93.

The victory gives the Warriors three straight wins to open the season — their best start since 1994-95 when they opened 5-0.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 26 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Blazers, who dropped to 1-2 to start the season.

After wrestling for the lead throughout the fourth quarter, Aldridge's layup and a fadeaway jumper with 2:01 left gave Portland a narrow 90-88 lead.

Andre Iguodala missed the second of a pair of free throws for Golden State with 26.3 seconds to go to keep the Blazers in front. But Thompson nailed the running jumper to give the Warriors a 91-90 lead.

Steph Curry made free throws the rest of the way for the final margin. Curry finished with 21 points for the Warriors

just weren't in our favor. But I took comfort in the fact that the Lakers did absolutely everything possible to make it happen. Absolutely everything possible.

"We offered Pau an incredible deal. I saw them put the work in. It's much different than in 2007 when I felt like they were just sitting on their hands. This is not that case. They were going after it and being aggressive. I will fight for that till the end. They tried, tried and tried and it didn't work out. I stand behind them 110 percent. I bleed purple and gold."

One silver lining for the Lakers has been Bryant's strong play so far after he appeared in just six games last season because of injuries. He is averaging 24.8 points, 4.2 rebounds and 3.2 assists in four games this season. He scored a season-high 31 points against the Phoenix Suns last Wednesday and threw down an acrobatic vintage against the Los Angeles Clippers last Friday that even surprised him.

"I knew I was ready, I was healthy and my skill was there," Bryant said. "I did everything possible and that's the important thing. Everything I could control, diet, training, stretching, therapy. ...I did everything physically possible."

"I do have a lot of comfort in the fact that I didn't try to take a lot of shortcuts and because of that my body feels great."

CNMI to host Junior ITF tourney, again

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The ITF Junior Circuit will be making another stop in the CNMI with the ITF-Northern Marianas Junior Championships in May next year.

The competition, now on its third straight year, is set for May 17 to 24 tops the list of Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association's calendar of events for the 2014-2015 season (Nov. 2014 to Aug. 2015). The tournament is a Grade 5 event which awards Junior ITF ranking points to winners. The CNMI through the NMITA has been hosting the contest for U18 players since 2013, bringing more than 50 players from around the world, particularly from Asia, to Saipan and giving local netters a chance to compete in a high-level event.

NMIFA president and coach Jeff Race said the Northern Marianas Ju-



nior Championships and other Junior ITF world ranking events in Fiji and Guam are very exciting opportunities for our junior players to take the next step in their tennis evolution."

There are six other Junior ITF-sanctioned events listed in NMITA's calendar with the North Pacific Regional Championships set in Guam coming up next after the Northern Marianas Junior Championships. Guam will host the regional from June 15 to 20. Guam will also have its Junior ITF Circuit event from May 10 to 16, while the four other Junior ITF events—South Pacific Open Junior Championships, Oceania Open Junior Championships, Oceania Close Junior Championships, and Pacific Oceania Junior Championship—will all

Japan's Nanaka Takeuchi gets ready to serve during her title game against compatriot Yurie Tananishi in the girls singles event of the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships held in May at the Pacific Islands Club court.

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Exciting finale seen in Thursday league



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Players of Armatech Hustlers and Jonny's Team SCS pose for a photo before their game in the Thursday league last week,

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The Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball and Route33 Armatech Hustlers scored similar lopsided wins last week but the former remained on top of the 2014 Saipan

Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball's Thursday league.

The Magic 8 Ball continues to hold the fort with a 102-63 win-loss record after breezing through the Barcode Breakers, 11-4. The Smoke Pub-backed squad holds a five-win edge over former leaders Armatech Hustlers, and with less than three

weeks left in the regular season, expect both teams to go all out in targeting more wins.

The Hustlers scored a 13-2 triumph over Jonny's Team SCS to improve their record to 97-68, six wins ahead of Wild Bills (91-74).

Fourth running Jokers Homeboyz (90-75) drubbed National Alamo

Car Rental, 12-3, while Wild Bill's eked out an 8-7 decision against the Poseidon Titans. The Titans (85-80), National Alamo (83-92), Breakers (60-105) and Team SCS (52-113) complete the standings.

In the Tuesday league, the Saipan TV Hustlers and the Jokers IT&E Voyagers are currently tied for the top ranking after colliding last week.

The Hustlers pulled off a 9-6 win against the Voyagers, but it wasn't enough to put them in solo first place as both squads compiled a 108-57 mark after 165 games.

The Jokers Str8 Shooters are in third place with a 101-64 slate after completing a 12-3 thrashing of Smoke Pub Sang&D'Gang. Jonny's Crazy 8 also had an easy outing against the Smoke Pub Lancheras, 12-3. Crazy 8 (87-78), Sang&D'gang (63-102) and Lancheras (28-137) are the other competing teams in the Tuesday league.

Only two more play dates in the seven-week regular season are left before the league begin the finals and the Budweiser Cup.

BOWLERS

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Raymond Zapanta will be leading the men's team, which has also Simon Manacop and Ador Dimaano as members, while pinbusters Diana Camacho, Gloria Omechelang, Elena Soll, and Yho Villavicencio make up the women's squad. Ruselle Zapanta is the men's

team coach, while Carrie Camacho is his counterpart in the women's side, which will be competing for the first time since 2009 when Guam hosted the annual event.

Raymond Zapanta was the top CNMI bowler in last year's Asian Intercity in Guam after placing 11th out of 43 participants in the men's singles. He had had scores of 232, 194, 225, 180, 180 and 171 in the six-game series

for a 1,181 total and a 196.83 average.

Manacop, who also competed last year, finished 23rd overall with a 1,086 total (142, 170, 179, 180, 213 and 202) for a 181 average. Angeles and Ariel Dumapit, 24th and 41st overall, were the other members of the CNMI team that competed last year at the Central Lanes Bowling Center in Tamuning.

Manacop and Raymond Zapanta also came in 13th place in the men's

doubles event last year after tallying 2,257 pinfalls, while Angeles and Dumapit landed at 19th (1,989). Raymond Zapanta then placed 13th overall in the men's all events with 3,455 after scores of 1,181 (singles), 1,112 (doubles) and 1,162 (team). Angeles was 24th (3,321), followed by Manacop at 25th (3,306) and Dumapit at 41st (2,742).

The CNMI finished sixth overall in the men's team with 4,420 total pinfalls.

CUSTOMS

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Wednesday, while CUC survived the Ajoste brothers' second half offensive explosion, escaping with a 76-73 double overtime win over Commonwealth Health Center.

Customs fell behind early after making only 7 points in the opening period, while allowing DPS to score 19 markers. DPS entered the halftime break enjoying a 31-18 spread.

Leo Galarse led Customs' comeback in the second half, scoring 11 points in the third quarter to move his team within four entering the fourth canto, 43-47.

Don Teregeyo and Don Brennan

then came alive in the final period combining for 11 points to provide scoring support to Galarse's game-long brilliance. Galarse finished with 19 points, while Teregeyo added 18 markers. Brennan had 9 points, most of which came in the payoff period, while Luigi Reyes also scored 9.

Customs outscored DPS, 46-23, in the second half and with the win improved its record to 2-2. DPS dropped its third straight game after starting the league with a 58-44 thumping of Judiciary on Oct. 1

Suane Pua paced DPS' losing cause with 18, while James Pua scattered 15 points.

In the second game, Tony Diaz teamed up with John Santos, James Benavente,

and Robert Lieto to power CUC to a double overtime victory over CHC.

CHC seemed headed for its first win when it entered the halftime break holding on to a 33-26 advantage, and started the fourth period with a slim 44-41 edge.

However, Diaz and his teammates battled back into contention and matched CHC shot after shot to foil their opponents' bid of clinching a breakthrough win.

Diaz tallied 24 points for CUC, while Santos finished with 18 markers, and Benavente and Lieto scored 13 apiece.

Brian Ajoste had 23 for CHC, while brother Omar contributed 14.

CUC hiked its record to 2-1, while CHC remained winless after four matches.

First Game

Customs 64 –Galarse 19, Teregeyo 18, Brennan 9, Lui. Reyes 9, Lus. Reyes 4, Pangelinan 3, Cepeda 2.

DPS 54 – S. Pua 18, J. Pua 15, Manglona 7, Saures 7, Camacho 4, Joab 2, Kwon 1.

Scoring by quarters: 7-19, 18-31, 43-47, 64-54.

Second Game

CUC 76 – Diaz 24, J. Santos 18, Benavente 13, Lieto 13, Mizutani 3, Seidler 3, Camacho 2.

CHC 73 – B. Ajoste 23, O. Ajoste 14, Nunag 9, Rajo 8, Bahillo 7, Fernandez 6, Tudela 4, Cariaso 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-13, 26-33, 41-44, 55-55, 65-65, 76-73 (2 OTs).

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	2	1	.667	—
Toronto	2	1	.667	—
Boston	1	1	.500	1/2
Brooklyn	1	1	.500	1/2
Philadelphia	0	3	.000	2

Southeast Division

Miami	3	0	1.000	—
Washington	2	1	.667	1
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Charlotte	1	2	.333	2
Orlando	0	3	.000	3

Central Division

Chicago	2	1	.667	—
Cleveland	1	1	.500	1/2
Indiana	1	2	.333	1
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	1
Detroit	0	3	.000	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Houston	3	0	1.000	—
Memphis	3	0	1.000	—
Dallas	2	1	.667	1
San Antonio	1	1	.500	1 1/2
New Orleans	1	1	.500	1 1/2

Northwest Division

Denver	1	1	.500	—
Portland	1	2	.333	1/2
Oklahoma City	1	2	.333	1/2
Utah	1	2	.333	1/2
Minnesota	1	2	.333	1/2

Pacific Division

Golden State	3	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	2	1	.667	1
Phoenix	2	1	.667	1
L.A. Clippers	2	1	.667	1
L.A. Lakers	0	4	.000	3 1/2

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	281	198
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	178	165
Miami	5	3	0	.625	211	151
N.Y. Jets	1	8	0	.111	154	252

South

Indianapolis	5	3	0	.625	250	187
Houston	4	5	0	.444	206	197
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250	137	202
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	141	251

North

Cincinnati	5	2	1	.688	194	187
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	248	219
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625	185	169
Baltimore	5	4	0	.556	240	174

West

Denver	6	2	0	.750	245	185
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	200	138
San Diego	5	4	0	.556	205	186
Oakland	0	8	0	.000	129	211

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750	234	177
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	230	195
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	154	169
Washington	3	6	0	.333	197	229

South

New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	227	198
Carolina	3	5	1	.389	177	236
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	192	221
Tampa Bay	1	7	0	.125	150	245

North

Detroit	6	2	0	.750	162	126
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	222	191
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	168	199
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	180	222

West

Arizona	7	1	0	.875	192	156
Seattle	5	3	0	.625	202	174
San Francisco	4	4	0	.500	168	178
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375	149	220

PSS

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Second Game

McDonald's 97 – Mi. Achas 39, L. Achas 16, Cruz 12, Mc. Achas 12, Gapor 10, Santos 2, Corpuz 2, Rigua 2.

MBI/Anchor 76 – Devero 35, Cordero 17, Capalad 14, Garcia 5, Viola 5.

Scoring by quarter: 23-21, 39-37, 60-55, 97-76.

THURSDAY

PSS 80 – Santos 20, Diaz 18, Itibus 10, Mendez 5, Manibusan 6, Cabrera 4, Villagomez 2, Lose 2.

Saipan Ice 56 – Norita 21, Kaipat 16, Cayading 6, Pangelinan 6, Santy 5, Fernandez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-10, 42-25, 68-45, 80-56.

Tan Holdings Open 2014

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Women's doubles A champions Janelle Pangilinan, left, and Jenine Savellano pose for a photo after beating Hannah Choi and Rowena Sison last Friday in the Tan Holdings Open 2014 at the TSL Sports Complex.



Ferdie Arago tries a quick return.



Marlene Peraja, right, prepares to serve, while teammate Malou Malasarte waits for the return.



Youngson Yu prepares to make a backhand return.



Joel Ortega makes a backhand return in the mixed doubles over-40 match with partner Alma Ortega and against Hanna Choi and Hanchael Yu.



Cris Hilario prepares to go for a drop shot, while teammate Windy Fernandez looks on.



Hannah Choi goes for a backhand return.



Mixed doubles over-40 finalists, from left, Hanna Choi, Hanchael Yu, and Joel and Alma Ortega pose with match umpire Roger Vales.



Mixed doubles A finalists, from left, Jordan and Janelle Pangilinan, Jenine Savellano and Glenn Buultjens pose for a photo after their game.



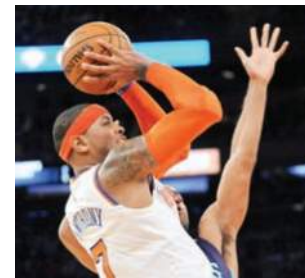
Mixed doubles B finalists, from left, Jeff Riman and partner Cheng Saturno, and top seeds Windy Fernandez and Cris Hilario pose for a group photo.



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PSS, Joeten battle for semis seat

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The fight for the second and last automatic semis berth in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League is now down to two teams—Joeten and Public School System.



Joeten cruised to a 112-70 win over Top Development, Inc. last Wednesday to finish the elimination round with a 6-2 record and hold the No. 2 spot in the team standings for now. Joeten is slightly ahead of PSS, which improved to a 5-2 record, following an 80-56 rout of Saipan Ice & Water last Thursday. PSS has a chance to tie Joeten for the No. 2 spot if the former wins against Top Development, Inc. tomorrow. The tie will then be resolved via winner-over-the-other rule and in this case, PSS has the edge, having beaten Joeten in overtime, 83-80, last Oct. 1.

Joeten and PSS are left to battle for the last outright semis ticket after MBI/Anchor was removed from the picture and Shirley's Coffee Shop locked in the No. 1 spot in the nine-team field. Shirley's got a free win via forfeiture against Commonwealth Utilities Corp. last Thursday to keep its perfect record (7-0) and move one win away from sweeping the regular season. MBI/Anchor, on the other hand, fell to McDonald's, 76-97, to drop to fourth place in the team standings with its 5-3 slate.



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PSS' Maverick Itibus embraces the ball, as Joeten's Juanito Sambile tries to grab the leather, while teammate Alex Lauron stays in the play during their regular season game in the JP World caging last month at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

McDonald's, with its blowout win against MBI/Anchor and 4-3 record is now in fifth place and snapped a three-game losing skid. McDonald's will join CUC (3-5), MBI/Anchor and either PSS or Joeten in the first round of the playoffs.

The No. 3 and 6 finishers in the elimination round will play in the first playoff match this Friday, while the No. 4 and 5 placers will collide in the other make-or-break outing in the second game. Winners of Friday's playoff matches will then join Shirley's and the No. 2 finisher in the semifinals, which will be played on Nov. 10. Victors in the semis will play in a short best-of-three title series, starting on Nov. 12.

Meanwhile, league organizers had to move last weekend's matches to last Thursday to give way to Halloween activities on the island.

PSS played in the lone match last Thursday and boosted its chances for the outright semis ticket with a 14-point win against Saipan Ice. PSS played without Preston Basa, who was nursing an ankle injury he sustained during their game against McDonald's late last month, but still managed to prevail with Ray Santos and Jerry Diaz stepping up for the team's top scorer. Santos registered 20 points, while Diaz chipped in 18.

WEDNESDAY

First Game

Joeten 112 – De Leon 31, Lauron 25, Teregeyo 16, Sambile 12, Kwon 10, Borja 9, Jacob 5, Alfonso 2.

TDI 70 – Velasco 21, Lorenzo 19, Reyes 8, Arreza 7, Pollisco 6.

Scoring by quarters: 38-25, 58-41, 89-62, 112-70.

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Bowlers aim for better finish in Asian Intercity

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The CNMI men's bowling team hopes to improve its sixth place finish last year when it competes in the 28th edition of the Asian Intercity Bowling Championships set from Nov. 5 to 11 at the E-Lanes Bowling Center in San Juan City, Philippines.

The 14-member Saipan Bowling Association delegation, headed by its president Jerry Tan, left for the Philippines early this morning. SBA secretary-treasurer Ross Zapanta is the head of delegation, while Raymond Angeles and Laarni Zapanta are the men's and women's team managers, respectively. Many time perfect gamer Robert Talavera and former CNMI youth bowler

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Zapanta

Talavera

Manacop

Dimaano

Soll

Omechelang

Villavicencio

Camacho

Customs rallies; Diaz powers CUC past CHC

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Customs came back from an early double-digit deficit, while Commonwealth Utilities Corp. overcame its opponents' gritty stand to come out victorious in the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Customs rallied from a 13-point deficit in the second quarter in beating Department of Public Safety, 64-54, last

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